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Special report completed by accountants; Dobelle praised by Board of Trustees

Documents presented to the Board of Trustees raised eyebrows but Evan Dobelle wasn't found to have been malicious in his spending

Joshua Clark

Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Evan S. Dobelle, the nineteenth president of Westfield State University, began his sixth full school year of that tenure on the fourth of September.

Recently cleared by the university's accounting firm, O'Connor & Drew, P.C., of spending university and foundation funds lavishly with malicious intent, he is still awaiting the response from the Inspector General.

Dobelle sat in his office with a look of relief on his face on September 17, the day of an exclusive interview that began a series of interviews between this newspaper and him.

In recent months, however, Dobelle has become the center of a controversy regarding how he has spent university and foundation money.

The scandal began in October 2012 when the university's board of trustees received an anonymous package containing documents regarding Dobelle's

Cheyne Ordonio contributed to reporting on this article.

spending.

The board contacted their accountants, O'Connor & Drew, who immediately drew procedures outlining how they would look into the documents received to determine whether fraud or malicious actions were taken.

In December of that same year, a draft report was given to the board by the firm, through their representative accountant, David DiIulis. This report pertained to the university only, and it was decided around the beginning of this year that both the university and the Westfield State University Foundation, Inc. would need to be analyzed to determine wrongdoing, if any existed.

The board of trustees of both the university and the foundation received the analysis that took both organizations into account. The document was then proofread and sent to the university board in order to procure a response from Dobelle pertaining to its findings.

Dobelle hadn't responded until the August 29 Board of Trustees meeting when the findings of the analysis were made public.

The fact that a response was not made drew ire from several members of the board of trustees, who felt that the president opened himself up to unnecessary criticism by not providing a context for which

the expenses could be justified.

The analysis, as it was called, determined that Dobelle had in fact violated university policy with some of his expenditures. It also mentioned that the president didn't act with malicious intent, but made some of the expenditures, a multitude of a personal nature, by mistake.

When asked if the president had any personal expenses that were unpaid, DiIulis said no.

When the trustees had an opportunity to question DiIulis after his presentation, they were concerned as to why the president wasn't interviewed or questioned.

DiIulis said that the only interaction that was to be had with the president would be a written response to the completed report. Since the president failed to comply with such requests by the accounting firm in that aspect, the report would fail to include such interaction quite purposefully.

DiIulis did acknowledge that there was a lot of subjectivity with some of the spending, but without a response from Dobelle, there would be no explanation for the individual expenditures.

And that is true for many of them. For instance, wire transfers made to China and Vietnam were listed in the report as having "no substantiation."

Concert tickets, cigars, ex-

pensive dinners, hotel rooms, airfares for trips made during the president's noted vacation time, and many other expenses were charged to both the university's and the foundation's credit cards. Although all of the expenses deemed personal were repaid, according to the accounting firm, there are many other expenses that were deemed "above 'reasonable and necessary'."

After DiIulis gave the report, the Board of Trustees then listened to Dobelle's statement.

In his statement, he argued

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A welcome message from the President of Westfield State University, Dr. Evan S. Dobelle, Ed.D

In preparing my remarks for the dedication of the beautiful University Hall, I remembered a favorite quote, which I have often cited when describing Westfield State. It bears repeating here for this first edition of The Voice during our 175th anniversary year.

It comes from a book called *City on the Edge* (Prometheus Books, Amherst, New York: 2007), an analysis of the revitalization of Buffalo, New York by Mark Goldman. Goldman

wisely explains that "community exists in the space where history and hope meet, where an awareness of the past and a belief in the future inspire people to identify with a place and to dedicate themselves to its improvement."

Goldman strikes all the right notes and provides a perfect description of Westfield State. From our very beginnings as a normal school on the second floor of the Town Hall in Barre, through our years as Westfield State Teacher's College

(1932-1960) and Westfield State College (1960 - 2010) we have been a unique learning community. The tradition continued this semester as 1276 first-year students and 306 transfer students joined the ranks of 3318 sophomores, juniors and seniors, 620 continuing education students and 787 graduate students.

Our faculty, staff and administrators have always honored the mission of our founder Horace Mann, who believed that schools should respond to the needs of the times. We will always honor Mann's legacy.

He founded Westfield State as America's first public institution of higher learning without barrier to race, gender or economic class and his 19th century crusade for education championed it as "a great equalizer of the conditions of men."

Westfield has come a long way. We began in Barre as Horace Mann's "experiment" with Harvard graduate Samuel Newman and a handful of assistants training 75 men and 90 women in the rudiments of teaching. Today we are a much-honored university with an exceptional faculty of 227 full-time tenured or tenure-track professors - 56 professors more than we had in January of 2008.

Just think - during your time here you now have a choice of 31 majors and 38 minors with new departments such as Nursing, Social Work, World Languages and Ethnic and Gender Studies offering courses that respond to the needs of a global marketplace. Your choices seem endless: from Arabic, Chinese, Che Guevara's Latin America to Sports and Criminal Behavior; from Hip Hop Cultures, GLBT Studies and Cultural Geography to Islamic Art, Entrepreneurship and Life in the Universe.

Welcoming new and

returning students during the past few weeks and 19 new faculty to our ranks has given me great joy and hope that the vision of Horace Mann is alive and well here on Western Avenue.

It is great to know that with every passing year, our campus becomes more diverse and more focused on developing a global perspective. The latest statistics are worth noting. Since 2008, the number of students of color has increased from 9 to 17% for incoming first-year students and from 5% to 17% for transfers. We are also pleased to be hosting 137 international students from 42 countries.

Our Office of Multicultural Affairs is hard at work at convening and coordinating projects, programs and events for the coming year that explore and celebrate diversity - activities which will challenge all of us to listen closely, discuss honestly and grow in our knowledge of our similarities and differences. I hope that everyone considers participating, whenever you can.

Our Office of International Programs has also enhanced our efforts to make the knowledge of our changing world and its people an institutional priority. During this coming winter, spring and summer semesters, there is an especially exciting program of J-term courses available - with opportunities for travel and study to Nepal, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Turkey; the cities of New Orleans, London, Paris, Milan and Chicago; and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. I hope that many of you will consider this wonderful experiential way of growing your world-view.

Horace Mann also believed that the mark of an educated man or woman was their service to their community - how they used the information learned through their studies to

benefit others. Our past work in and for our local and regional neighbors has always distinguished our institution.

I hope that this year we will all find ways to increase or begin our community service. The activities of our Student Government Association and the more than 72 clubs on campus offer many ways of giving back, while internships and volunteerism present directed ways to help and learn from those in need.

The recent dedication of University Hall on September 19 heralds a pivotal chapter in the school's history. As the first new building erected since Westfield State College became a university in 2010, it is an important symbol for what we can accomplish as a community, working together.

It was planned and designed with input from students, staff and faculty and with its views of the mountains and tremendous archway, it creates a real sense of place, of which we can all be extremely proud.

Pride is really predicated on our appreciation of the past and justified by our actions in the present, inspiring us to do all that we can to sustain and improve our future. It's great to be proud of and a part of this historic institution - a truly wonderful learning community, "where history and hope meet."

I hope that you feel the same. Welcome, everyone, to the 175th year of Westfield State!

Here's to a great year. Go Owls!

Dr. Evan S. Dobelle is the nineteenth president of Westfield State and is currently serving in his sixth year as the university's president. He is a native of Pittsfield, Mass., where is a former mayor. He was also the chief of protocol under the Carter administration.

A welcome message from the President of the Student Government Association, Taylor Fote

Hello everyone and welcome to the 2013-2014 academic year! I'm Taylor Fote and I am your Student Government Association President this year.

As we embark on the 175th anniversary of the university, I encourage you to get involved.

Westfield would not be what it is today without its students. Whether you are a first year, or a senior you can make a difference.

Join what interests you; if it is the SGA or the Dance Company, try something new.

Go out for a sports team, or make your own intramural volleyball team.

The SGA has over seventy-five clubs to offer, and if there is nothing that interests you come down to the SGA office and begin the process to create your own club.

Make sure to make the most out of this year, because as a senior I can promise you, it will flash before your eyes.



PHOTO FROM SMUGMUG
Student Government Association president Taylor Fote.

Always remember to study hard, try your best and push your limits because that is when we can find the amazing things we are all capable of doing.

Have an amazing year, and please do not hesitate to come down to my office within the SGA room next to Dunkin' Donuts or shoot me an email at president.sga@westfield.ma.edu!

I am always around to help! Go Owls!

Taylor Fote is a senior Special Education major, the president of the Student Government Association, and treasurer of the class of 2014.

SGA met twice so far, hopeful for new year

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

It's the start of another year of the Student Government Association to reclaim its status as the longest standing forum on campus dedicated in helping each and every student experience what the new school year has to offer.

The first meeting, on September 10th, had Taylor Fote (President of SGA) use her presidential powers to approve Kasey Gately as the Senior Class President designee for the fall 2013 semester, Brittany Walters as the Community Relations and Fundraising designee for the fall 2013 semester, and she accepted Gina Mannarino as the Student Athletic Advisory Board Representative to Senate for the fall 2013 semester. All motions passed unanimously.

Before the madam president spoke, Jessica Murphy and Jessie Hufnagle talked about the Leadership Voyage program, which is happening between the 4th and 6th of October. The program offers a chance to participate in leadership training, and opportunities to interact with other campus leaders.

Dr. Carlton Pickron, Vice President of Student Affairs, said a few words welcoming back everyone and was "glad to see the energy and enthusiasm of Westfield State University in your eyes."

Fote continued by saying the Executive Council has formed a statement on the recent events on campus and media attention focused on Dr. Dobelle. The statement says "The Student Government Association,

at this time, refrains from commenting on the ongoing investigation involving University Administration. SGA supports the mission of the University and the students we represent."

Fote said, "we have formed this statement... because Stone Koury and myself have been asked to comment on the matter multiple times on behalf of SGA."

When the Senate was asked if they were in favor with the statement, most but not all students raised their hands.

Congratulations were given to Stone Koury on being chosen to serve as the Student Representative on the Special Commission on Higher Education Quality, Efficiencies, and Finance meeting for the state and also Barbara Hand on becoming an Administrative position for the SGA.

Stone Koury, Student Trustee, reported that they had approved promotions for tenure to thirteen faculty members and also authorized the purchase and further lease of a number of university vehicles.

In the Vice President of Programing report, Steve Kligerman stated that the September 1st comedian show, with Derek Hughes, had a great outing with the first-years; and the Steve Hofstetter event and Brown Bag Bingo were both well attended on September 7th.

Ryan Losco, president of the class of 2016, had a moment that made the representatives converse while he was on the podium. Ryan talked about the possible fundraiser for the Kids Buzz Off for Cancer charity. The

charity works with Boston Children's Hospital to raise money and awareness for kids with cancer. Rich Darrach asked, "So what you're saying is, this would be for the children?" and the room erupted in laughter and continued when Ryan replied in a slow, political, smirking tone, "Yes, we are for the children."

The end of the first meeting had a sense of "the beginning of the end" for the seniors, however, the grind of a new year for the rest of the SGA members was apparent and soon September 17 would role in.

At the new Meeting on September 17th, Charlotte Graham, from MASSPIRG, gave a few comments to the SGA. MASSPIRG stands up to powerful interests whenever they threaten our health, our financial security, or our right to fully participate in our democracy. Their recent campaign is about recycling better in communities and updating the bottle bill. Westfield State students can easily sign up to help out.

Taylor Fote's report included calling all SGA members to attend the University Hall Ribbon cutting at 4:00 pm on September 18th. Fote also adds that, sometime in October, students will be able to understand who their SGA members are by putting names with faces with posters called "who's your senator." Each member of the SGA will answer questions about themselves and these posters will be at residence halls and other buildings on campus.

In Koury's report, the August Board of Trustees meetings were the sole top-see CAULFIELD on page 21

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The Marketplace: convenience comes to campus

Tessa Newell

Voice Reporter

In addition to the new residence hall that opened this month, Westfield State University welcomed another addition to its campus for the fall, The Marketplace, a convenience store that made its debut this semester.

The Marketplace is located by New Hall in the area previously occupied by Dunkin Donuts before it moved to the garden-level of Ely.

The Marketplace provides students with an array of "convenience store food," including chips, gum, frozen food products, and anything a student might go out of their way for on a trip to an off-campus grocery store.

"It has a little something for everyone," said Angela Newman, a Marketplace employee. "And especially with the inclement weather we'll have coming up soon, this store will be very convenient for students who need food and cannot get off campus."

Some students argue that the store's prices are too high and therefore make the convenience store less appealing. Kelley Roche, a junior at Westfield, said, "The Marketplace is convenient, but the prices are too high for some products."

Other students disagree about The Marketplace's prices outweighing its convenience.

When asked about the usefulness of the store, Paul Barrett, a first year student, said, "This store is very convenient. It has everything I need for meals and for snacks. I would certainly rather this here than a Dunkin Donuts."

Price does not deter him from frequenting The Marketplace.

Barrett showed off the Nature Valley bar in his hand and said, "Nature Valley, .89 cents? No complaints here."

Newman agreed about the fairness of the store's prices, "We price our products the same as any store. It's a convenience store, so there is some mark up, but

it's reasonable.

Also, we offer a deal that no other convenience store would; when a student uses Owl Bucks to pay for anything from The Marketplace, they receive 10% off that item."

The store's location on campus, in addition to its variety of food and the 10% Owl Bucks discount, has made The Marketplace a popular site on campus so far this semester.

"The only complaint we've gotten from students is that we're not stocked enough! Things will sell and when we run out it takes a while to get more of that product," Newman said. "We plan on alleviating that by having vendors visit to stock the store twice a week instead of once to accommodate the store's popularity."

Although there seems to be some argument about the fairness of the prices at The Marketplace, there is no denying that the store is a convenient and helpful addition to the Westfield campus.



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The Marketplace shelves are stocked with a variety of snack and grocery items for students to purchase without having to go off campus.



The Scene at the Pep Rally and Bonfire

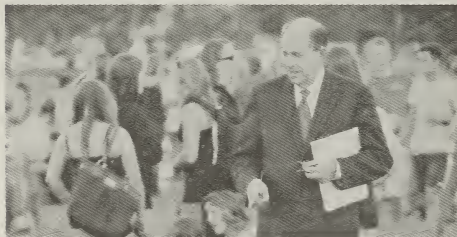


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A pep rally was held on the campus green this year, instead of the typical location of the Woodward Center. In years past, 'Midnight Madness' would be held in the field house and the athletics teams would be there to toss t-shirts and to get people excited about the upcoming year. Dr. Evan Dobelle (above), university president, is talking to students at the pep rally held on the green during opening week.



PHOTO BY DAVE FRIED VIA SMUGMUG

Students at the pep rally held by Nancy Bals and the Westfield State Athletics Department. Senior communications major and Commuter Council president Luis Arzola was the event's DJ. There are estimates that there were a couple thousand students in attendance to the pep rally and even more at the bonfire which followed. The event is largely viewed as a success.



PHOTO BY DAVE FRIED

The bonfire which followed the pep rally. More students continued to stream in as the fire roared.

Students react to University Hall opening

Alyssa Legare
Voice Reporter

Everyone was steaming with anticipation as the summer quickly came to an end and everyone prepared to see his or her friends again.

But there was one thought in the back of everyone's mind. What will University Hall look like?

For returning students we all saw the slow process from ground to finish, including the noise, which the last year's residents of Lammers Hall can attest to.

Whether living in U-Hall, as University Hall is

known, or somewhere else, everyone had the same thoughts in their minds.

"What will it make the campus look like?" or "What will it look like inside?"

It is the first time, ever, Westfield State students have had "suite-style" living on campus.

For the most part, the suites offer the same amount of commodities with the exception of a kitchen. Instead, the University calls it a "kitchenette."

These "kitchenettes" are nearly full kitchens except there is neither a kitchen sink nor a stove.

It is for this reason students are required to have

at least a 10-meal-a-week meal plan at the campus' dining commons.

While we can only bustle up our thoughts for so long, I received commentary from a University Hall student describing his living situation thus far.

"The size of the suites is perfect for functionality, but the choice for furniture color and design in the living rooms and in the lounges is really quite strange," said John Yourous, a junior.

"The lounge spaces are really nice and scenic with the floor to ceiling glass walls," he continued.

U-Hall has had some problems to start with,



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A view of University Hall looking from the green. The rectangular brick structure is a hearth that can be used to light fires. The glass area underneath the archway is the study area facing Lammers Hall.

though.

Internet access was not available for the first week and the laundry room was not accepting Owl Bucks until this week.

"There is always one elevator that is out of order, probably because they haven't been inspected yet, but hopefully all those problems will dwindle as the school year goes on," said Yourous.

The additions of the new suites also poses new issues and benefits for the students in and around the new building. Namely, Lammers Hall.

"The building itself, although imposing in comparison to Lammers, is absolutely gorgeous on the inside. The genius in construction is that the study

hall part of University [Hall] is directly next to Lammers, so we never hear any noise coming from their hall," said Sarah Govoni, a senior.

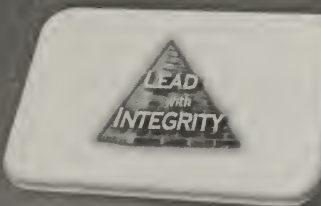
"Despite the fact that there is now a whole lot more traffic between Lammers and the Library, the students in University keep to themselves, much like those in New Hall," she added.

As a whole, the hall adds to the functionality of the university as a whole, allowing Scanlon Hall to become an all-freshman dorm at the start of this school year.

Scanlon Hall is now one of three first-year residence halls on campus; the others being Davis and Dickinson Halls.

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Students comment on the first year of tobacco-ban

Aurelia Pierce

Voice Reporter

Two years ago, if you walked on the campus of Westfield State University, you would have noticed students sitting on the benches, standing around, and walking to class smoking cigarettes.

The signs placed on buildings attempting to enforce a fifty foot smoking radius were largely unsuccessful and smoking on campus grounds remained acceptable.

In the summer of 2012, an email was sent to the faculty, administrators, and students at Westfield State alarming them that there will no longer be smoking allowed on campus.

Carlton Pickron, Vice President of Student Affairs, explained that the policy would be "implemented with 'soft enforcement,'" and students will be "respectfully reminded that the campus is tobacco-free."

One year later many people believe the policy is working well, especially because of the dangers of secondhand smoke.

"Well I think it's a good thing in general. I mean, I have asthma so sometimes walking past someone whose smoking can trigger



THE WESTFIELD VOICE FILE PHOTO

Signs like the one above can be found all over campus reminding tobacco users that the campus has gone tobacco-free, even though it is a "soft enforcement" policy.

it a little," explained Sharon Sitler, a senior English and Secondary Education major.

Barrett Tamaren-Leddy, who is also majoring in English and Secondary Education, is in favor of the policy.

"I don't know how well it is enforced, but I remember what it was like before the policy was established and tobacco use seemed to be happening everywhere," he said.

Some people believe the policy makes the campus air a lot cleaner.

Pickron explained in an

email sent this past summer that "the campus feels healthier and the grounds cleaner. I have heard that some folks have kicked the habit of smoking and some have reduced from two and three packs per day and now are down to one. We have made progress but there is still work to be done."

Now, Westfield State University offers help for students who want to quit smoking.

All you have to do is stop by the Health Services Office and the staff members are more than happy to help.

Student Spotlight

by Cory Garwacki, Voice Columnist

If you or somebody you know would like to be featured in the Student Spotlight, please email thevoice@westfield.ma.edu. We will also accept faculty, staff, or athlete recommendations.

Sydney Judge

Sunderland, Mass.

Biology major

1. Where is your favorite place to hang out on campus when not in class? Why?

Personally, I enjoy being at the gym because it's always a nice break from my dorm.

2. What has been your favorite class here at Westfield State? Why?

So far my favorite classes have been biology because it's what I'm most interested in and my professor is really great.

3. Your most recent "weird dream" was...? (Keep it clean!)

I recently had a dream that I was on the soccer team here, which is odd because I've never played soccer.

4. Favorite television show to watch and why?

I know it might sound pretty superficial, but I enjoy watching 'Gossip Girl.' The girls on it have such awesome style and it is entertaining.

5. Where do you realistically see yourself in five years after college? Be as specific but brief as possible.

I plan on having a job as a physician's assistant five years after graduating from Westfield State.

6. If money were no concern, briefly describe your dream vacation?

It would probably be somewhere in Europe. I travelled to the Netherlands in 2011 so going back there some day would just be amazing.

7. Most important non-physical attribute in deciding to enter a relationship with a girl/boy (i.e. humor, honesty, sincerity, wealth, intelligence, etc.)?

A good sense of humor and the desire to succeed in life are both important attributes to me.

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Students at Westfield State had active summers

J.R. Nieb

Voice Contributor

Many students at Westfield State University have had very different summer endeavors.

"This past summer vacation was one of the best and such a growing experience for me," said Molly Waitt, a junior with a double major in criminal justice and psychology at Westfield State University.

"I went to Martha's Vineyard," said Waitt. "I lived with a family who I once was a nanny for."

Waitt said she also worked at a restaurant called Giordanos, which has been open for 85 years. When asked about the restaurants success, Waitt stated it was the "best pizza on the island".

"I met people who influenced my life in a great way," said Waitt. "And learned a lot about myself and others."

Waitt said that during the summers before she would just stay home and

not do much. This summer, however, was very different for her.

"Living by the beach was perfect for me," said Waitt. She commented that her only regret regarding this summer was not seeing her friends as often as she might have liked. Waitt said she enjoyed herself so much that she plans on returning to The Vineyard next summer.

Waitt said that the only movie she saw in the theater this past summer was *Despicable Me 2*.

"It was such a good movie," said Waitt about *Despicable Me 2*. "Better than the first one."

When asked about his summer experience, senior biology major Brian McAvoy explained that he spent the entire summer as a pharmacy technician at CVS.

"I assisted in dropping off prescriptions, production of medication, and distributing them to the customers," McAvoy explained, regarding his job

description.

McAvoy explained that when he was not working, he was hanging around with friends either at the beach or poolside.

"It was pretty good summer," said McAvoy. "And I couldn't wait to get back to school because it is my favorite place to be."

"I had an alright summer," said Chris Doherty, a senior communication major at Westfield State University.

"I worked at a zoo," explained Doherty. He then went on to explain why "next summer will be different". Doherty revealed that he would be enlisting in the U.S. army.

"My past summer vacation was a mix of pretty much everything," said Kayleigh Worster, a junior and business major at Westfield State University. "I really enjoyed it though."

"I took a summer course for five weeks," said Worster. "And I also spent a lot of time working." Worster then explained that

she works at the Hallmark store in West Springfield, Mass.

"I think next summer will be better because I probably won't be taking a summer course," said Worster. "So I can relax a little more."

Worster explained that she did not go on an extended vacation (which she did not exactly like) but did take a few day trips to Hampton Beach. Worster also said she tried to spend as much time as possible with her boyfriend because he lives two hours away from where she lives.

"I saw *Grown Ups 2* and *You're Next* in the theatre," said Worster. "But I wasn't really a fan of either of them," she then explained.

"This summer was pretty simple," said Worster. "And nothing was really spectacular about it."

"I had a lot of fun this summer!" said Abbi Plesh, a sophomore business major at Westfield State University. "Not quite as much fun as summers past be-

cause I had to work more," said Plesh. "But it was still great."

Plesh explained that she worked Monday through Saturday every week at The Little Gym.

"I think this upcoming summer will be better because I'm hoping to get an internship," said Plesh.

Plesh said that the only trip she went on this past summer was to Old Orchard Beach, Maine with her sister and cousin during the last week of August.

As for fun, Plesh explained that she did cross fit, played pick-up soccer, went rock climbing and embarked on beach trips.

Plesh stated that she went to see *The Heat*, *The Way, Way Back*, and *Grown Ups 2*. "The Heat and The Way, Way Back were pretty good," said Plesh. However, she also was not a fan of *Grown Ups 2*.

All in all, many students at Westfield State University seemed to have an interesting and hard-working summer.

4th Annual "HOOT DAY" serves the Westfield community

Nick Sarnelli

Head Copy Editor

(from press release)

The 4th Annual Westfield State University "HOOT DAY" was held Tuesday, September 3rd as over 130 first-year students settled into their new home-away-from-home on Western Avenue for the next four years.

A combination of acclimating the students to the city as well as volunteering for service complements the objectives of not only the University Mission Statement, but also the objectives of the sponsoring organization, the WSU Circle K Club (part of the Greater Westfield

Kiwanis International).

Both the Westfield Business Improvement District and the Chamber of Commerce assisted with the project.

University Housing @ Courthouse Square in downtown Westfield hosted the students with breakfast before they started their day.

"HOOT DAY" (Helping Out Our Town) is a collaboration of city organizations, businesses, and students of Westfield State University – prompting them to become more familiar with their home-away-from-home for the next four years and inciting a web of support amongst one another.

From painting to landscaping, the students provided a helping hand to their new hometown.

The following were participants this year: Stanley Park, Westfield Parks & Recreation (2 locations), Flowers by Webster, The Seat Weaver, Amelia Park Children's Museum, Westfield River Watershed, Tavern Restaurant, Grandmother's Garden, Westfield News, Westfield Athenaeum, Westfield YMCA, Domus Inc., and the Franklin Avenue School.

For information on other community service initiatives on campus, please contact Alex Roche, president of Circle K.



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Students participating in the fourth annual HOOT DAY, an effort organized by Circle K and the Division of Advancement and University Relations. The volunteers helped organizations throughout the City of Westfield allowing them to become familiar with their new home.

News from other schools

The Daily Collegian, UNIV. OF MASS., AMHERST

Campus is smoke free as of July 1, 2013. Campus officials cite the growing number of students smoking on campus as a campus wide problem.

Springfield Student, SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Springfield College has recently added a program called "Zipcars" to their campus. Students can sign up for a "Zipcard" and use it to rent a car for the day. There is a \$25.00 fee for a "Zipcard" and an hourly fee for driving. However, gas is free during the rented time.

The Clock,

PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY

Entering his 38th year in law enforcement, new Plymouth State Police Chief Richard Bailey is looking forward to a fresh start at his new job.

The Huntington News, NORTHEASTERN UNIV.

On September 12, new students at Northeastern participated in the Red Line Ride in order to get accustomed to their new home.

The Daily Campus, UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

UConn has signed a deal with developers to build the new Greater Hartford campus at the site of the old Hartford Times building in downtown Hartford, according to UConn officials. The new addition will allow for UConn to accept more students starting in 2016.

New professor, new class: Asian-American Lit continues to add diversity to the English Department

Jessica Thelen Voice Reporter

Recently, our English department has expanded, adding a new professor and a brand-new course.

This new course is Asian American Lit, taught by Professor Brian Chen. The class is a 300-level English course, whatever their concentration.

Similar courses offered are Native American Literature and African American Literature, both popular classes taught by Professor Diana.

I am currently a student in this class, and am pleased with Westfield's continued efforts to diversify the campus and its curriculum.

Throughout the class,

we will be discussing various questions related to Asian American Literature, such as: the definition of Asian American, common themes associated with this particular brand of literature (matrilineal conflicts, traditional versus American-born, language, sense of history or connection with the character's home country, the family – work dynamic, marriage, and many others). Throughout the class, we will be reading various short stories and novels that focus on such themes.

To start the class, we read short stories by Hisaye Yamamoto, Jeffrey Paul Chan, and Amy Tan. Next, we will be reading a few short stories out of Maxine Hong Kingston's *Woman War-*

rior.

We will also be reading Jade Snow Wong's *Fifth Chinese Daughter*, Fae Mynne Ng's *Bone*, Lois-Ann Yamanaka's *Blu's Hanging*, Ruth Ozeki's *My Year Of Meats*, Chang-Rae Lee's *Native Speaker*, and Lan Cao's *Monkey Bridge*.

So far, I am greatly enjoying this class; I love that it's new and something that Westfield has never offered before.

This class is allowing me to expand my cultural and literary horizons by exposing me to history and books I may not have picked up myself.

Professor Chen is funny, intelligent and engaging; class flies by due to the interesting, intellectual nature of the class.

This class is discus-

sion based, and Professor Chen makes sure to call on as many people as possible in the allotted class time, which allows me to hear a wide range of thoughts and opinions, which I may not get to hear in a purely lecture-based course.

"It's really incredible because we hadn't had an Asian American literature class on campus yet. It's really important to look at all the different cultures that have come to America and how they live in the country. Our teacher does a great job in making the content interesting and fun," said Junior Elizabeth Curran.

I am also thrilled with the class, and hope to see enough interest in it for the class to continue for years to come.

Opinion: Meal plans are not as valuable as people think

Chelsea Gilbert Voice Reporter

Being a transfer student into Westfield from a community college, I had been excited about the possibility of a meal plan. I didn't have to worry about bringing lunch to school or taking money out of my pocket to spend on food. It would come right out of my financial aid. I totally believed I was getting a great deal.

To enlighten those who don't know, the commuter meal plan is \$644 per semester with \$50

worth of Sodexo bucks and includes five meals per week. However, one of my friends enlightened me to the fact that it was possible to pay for meals at the dining commons each day without the meal plan and that it was cheaper than having the meal plan.

I decided to take out my calculator, or in this case the calculator app on my iPhone and see if what she said was true. With some more research I came to an even more definite and dramatic answer. The

numerous discounts and savings available as a Westfield student and a commuter were far more than I expected. If I were to buy the most expensive meal on the menu, which happens to be a special dinner, and have it every day for 16 weeks it would add up to \$670, Sodexo bucks included.

However, seeing the benefits for using my ID card and Cinch card, I would get an additional 20% off which would decrease the price to \$546. Less than the amount charged for the commut-

er meal plan. Also seeing that we would not be having special dinners every day, the cost of the next expensive thing, which is a normal dinner, if paid out of pocket, would save me \$162.

I highly doubt that as a commuter I would be having many dinners at the college. Lunch is \$0.60 less than dinner and we can only imagine the extra savings when this adds up. The savings add up even more for the 10 and 14 meal plans, with the

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The Conservative View: The Syrians need a peaceful international intervention

Matt Carlin
Voice Columnist

For the past few weeks there have been multiple concerns involving the current civil war in Syria, ranging from a series of US punitive Strikes to an escalation to a World War.

It has split Congress; Obama administration and even cause divide between party members on both sides. With in the Republican Party there is Sen. John McCain lead a divide between "war-hawks" and Speaker John Boehner versus the anti-conflict members led by Rand Paul.

Whether or not you have personally agreed with the Obama administration's intent or handling of the issue here are the facts. On August 21st, 2013 a chemical weapon was unleashed on Syrian people in a southern suburb of Damascus, the capital city.

The Obama administration is blaming the attack of current Syrian dictator Assad, while the Russian government is pointing to the terrorist rebels.

A peaceful settlement has been proposed to the UN and the US to allow Syria to place its chemi-

cal weapons under international control; it remains unclear whether or not Obama will allow this diplomatic move to silence his call for US strikes against the Assad regime.

Now here is the part where things get fuzzy. Senator John Kerry originally made the informal proposal on September 9th when he was asked if Assad could do anything to prevent a US attack saying "Sure, he could turn over every bit of his weapons to the international community within the new week, without delay...but he isn't about to."

Soon after the Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov seized on the informal proposal sent a formal plan to the Syrian government, which Assad quickly welcomed within hours of the initial meeting.

As of yet it seems the Syrian conflict in regards to WMDS is under control since as of September 14th a deal was reached on the Syrian weapons by the US and Russian governments.

The deal has one of the fastest arms-control efforts ever undertaken, in which the whole Syrian stockpile of chemical weapons are to be inventoried, transported and disassembled by the end of next year.

I believe it's about time



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The Syrian conflict has become a major issue in the news, as well as a major issue for the Obama administration. In 2012, President Obama said that chemical weapons use would be a "red line" issue. Now that the U.N. has proven that they have been used, what does Obama do to respond?

the international community stepped up and presented a peaceful solution to this event.

Despite trying to complete a potential 6-year job in a single year, I have faith in this international effort to calm the tensions arising from Syria.

I feared if something wasn't done soon there was an all too close of a chance that we would have intervened militarily in Syria.

It is not our place to fight a civil war over seas in lands that are not ours, if the Syrians want to end their civil war they have to do it without the United States military holding its hand.

Our country has been engaged in a war on terror for the past 12 years and it is about time for peace to come to our already exhausted and over extended troops.

Though President Obama stated it would only be a "punitive strike" against the Syrian military camps where the chemical weapons were in use, there is absolutely no way that an attack from the US wouldn't provoke an outright response from both Syria and Russia, Assad's greatest supporter/ally.

On that note I believe this whole series of events has been a good lesson for Obama who has been en-

joying the blind following of his party and international community up until now.

One of the best questions that were asked came from a reporter in Europe asking of the president "...How does it feel being a recipient of the Nobel peace prize but being an advocate for warmongering?"

If anyone has not seen this interview, I highly recommend it because not only does it pose a

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Matt Carlin is a first-year political science major and the conservative columnist for The Westfield Voice.

From the Editor's Desk

The controversy surrounding Dr. Evan Dobelle is extremely troubling and disheartening. Not just because it hits the reputation of a generally successful president and educator, but the reports in the media over the summer were quite one-sided, in this newspaper editor's opinion.

Articles that appeared in the media portrayed this issue in a very negative light as opposed to presenting all sides of the issue and letting the reader decide which side they fall on.

My goal in writing the article that is featured on page one as our first cover story of the year was to file a report that included actual in-context quotations from Dr. Dobelle, accounts of his spending, and reaction from students.

It cannot be said enough that this was an incredibly hard task. Maintaining a good working relationship with Dr. Dobelle after asking the tough questions that I asked was paramount to me.

However, I was careful to make sure he understood that I have a commitment to the students of this university to present the truth of this story no matter how controversial it is.

As I said to the Student Government Association in my first address as Editor-in-Chief back in April 2013, "The Westfield Voice is...a place where we strive for the truth in our news stories...in our quest for the truth, what we publish might not always be what we want to read. But, this campus deserves a place where the truth is published, and *The Westfield Voice* will always provide that place."

I hope that the cover article represents my goal of presenting both sides to this current controversy because it is certainly warranted in this case.

In my opinion, I think Dr. Dobelle will end up on top. He did spend money on personal expenses, but according to the accountant's report, he paid all of it back.

He acknowledged violating university policy and that admission would not come from somebody who spent the money with malicious intent.

If the Board of Trustees can

praise him the way they did at their August 29th meeting, then I think we can all praise him.

On A Personal Note

This is my first "From the Editor's Desk" since taking over the newspaper in April.

While it has been quite the experience so far, I am truly grateful for the opportunity that I have been given to take this great newspaper into the future.

Let me give you a little backstory first before I get into the nitty-gritty of what this paper is going to be like.

When I was touring Westfield State on Accepted Students Day way back in 2011, one of my tour guides was Alex Myers.

Now, Alex was a fantastic tour guide. She knows this campus very well, but she undersold the paper.

When we got to the campus center (which doesn't exist in that form anymore), she stopped at one of the racks the paper sat in, and described the newspaper, who writes it, and that she was an editor-in-chief.

Since I was at that time the editor-in-chief of my high school yearbook, my mom raised her hand and asked if the school had a yearbook.

Alex answered to my dismay that there wasn't a yearbook but at the end of the year, the newspaper makes a 'senior edition' as the last issue (I'm kind of nervous about that).

When I got to campus, I decided that I would write for the newspaper and try to get a position as a copy editor if I could.

At the club fair held in the first week of the year, I walked up to the table and met Samantha Fahey for the first time and re-met Alex Myers. They are my predecessors in this position.

I left them my email address and I've had an article in every issue since the second issue of my freshman year.

When November arrived, Samantha and Alex called me to the office and when I got there, they said that they had two questions for me.

The first was very important,

they said.

As I remember, Samantha said, "Well, we're graduating at the end of next year and we were wondering if you would like to take over the paper after us."

My immediate reaction was, "Yes!"

To me, it was an even greater achievement that being the editor-in-chief of my high school yearbook. A yearbook is a chronicling of all of the memories of the four years of high school. You basically make an almost 200-page book from start to finish in six or seven months. It's intense.

But having that amount of time to create something allows for mistakes, personality conflicts, and a long period of time at high stress levels.

This newspaper is a weekly project. The newspaper week is Thursday to Wednesday. There is a lot of work to do in a short amount of time so productivity, accuracy, and responsibility is more important in this role.

Students, professors, college administration, support staff, and the public constantly read the newspaper every week. A yearbook sits on a shelf and is read every twenty years or when you bump into somebody in public but cannot remember their name.

Their second question was whether I'd be willing to attend the 2012 International Media Conference in Paris, France.

Of course I said yes, and together with Rob Donoghue, the now-former Managing Editor, we represented the Westfield State community with pride.

A chronicling of our time at the conference can be found on westfieldvoice.com or in Issues 18 and 19 of the 2011-2012 school year.

So, it was those two pivotal questions that placed me in the position to be writing this voluminous column.

I am forever grateful to them for extending the opportunity to me and for even considering my work worthy of journalistic excellence (something I deny).

But if there is something that I'd like our readers to get out of this column, it's my intention to set my

newspaper apart from their newspaper.

The Westfield Voice as an institution dates back to the days when our University was referred to as the "State College at Westfield."

I am cognizant of my responsibility to live up to their legacy but need to create a legacy of my own.

That's why my "From the Editor's Desk" will be a full page. Plus, with no "Donoghue Report" so somebody has to fill pages.

We will also extend an olive branch to other schools' newspapers such as, *The Daily Collegian* at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, *The Springfield Student* at Springfield College, *The Commment* at Bridgewater State University, and several others to provide our readers with news blurbs of what is going on closer to home.

Also, we want our residence halls, clubs, and organizations to provide us with information about what's going on with them too.

The Student Government Association, Residence Hall Association, and Commuter Council will continue to have reports in this newspaper.

Now, all of this comes from an editorial staff that works hard to make this newspaper great.

Our section editors have been hard at work training their "editor's eye," as I like to call it, and prepare for the onslaught of articles we hope to receive in the coming semesters.

We are all working hard to provide this campus with the news, opinions, sports, and arts and entertainment articles that has made *The Westfield Voice* so important to this campus.

After all, *The Westfield Voice* is the student press of Westfield State University where student voices have been heard for about fifty years. We look forward to the voices we hear.



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Please send your 'letter to the editor' to thevoice@westfield.ma.edu.

Gentlemen's Weekly: Advice for men on dressing more collegiately on campus

Josh Minardi

Voice Columnist

Upon returning to school, I was faced with the usual menagerie of sleeveless shirts, backwards hats, and pants hanging dangerously low.

This observation spurned me to write style tips aimed at men rather than boys.

My first tip is the transition from the sleeveless shirt to a clean, solid colored t-shirt (or better yet, Polo).

Sure many of your fellow classmates appear as if they are heading for the gym, but are you a lemming or a leader?

Secondly, as the weather gets colder, the sweatshirts come out.

Granted, they are comfortable (even I a guilty of owning a couple "hoodies") but when

it comes to maturity, they tend to rank low.

Instead, opt for a nice sweater, they style of which is completely up to the wearer. There are many styles of sweater, however I will focus on the three most common; the Polo-style, the cardigan, and the turtle-neck.

The Polo style is easiest to wear because this style comes with a collar. Additionally, the wearer needs to wear a light under-shirt.

Next is the cardigan. Cardigans come in both buttoned and zipped fronts and come in a wide variety of sub-styles. With a cardigan, you will want to wear a collared, buttoned shirt underneath.

Finally is the turtleneck sweater. This classic style gives off an aura of masculinity.

You can wear it with a sport-jacket, a flannel

shirt, or alone. Try to select a lightweight material such as wool (or cashmere, if you can find it).

I have noticed an array of pant styles among men at Westfield State.

While khakis are the ideal choice, jeans are perfectly acceptable. I am realistic; I will focus on jeans (they are also the preferred style of most college men). Jeans can be made into a great look, but there are some rules that need to be followed.

Take the faded and distressed jeans and replace them with clean denim.

Switch from low-cut to mid-cut (this is aimed at larger-built men; however is still a rule that applies to everyone).

Lastly, and most importantly, do away with the skinny jeans and replace them with a straight or relaxed fit.

Skinny, low-cut jeans may be hip and trendy, but men wear style pieces that are masculine and classic.

Now about those shoes men, I will make this short. Make the transition from running shoes to casual leather or suede shoes, flip-flops to moccasins, and sneakers to Bucks or Chukkas.

Sneakers and running shoes are fine for exercise, but should not be worn as walk around footwear.

Finally, a touch on facial appearance...

Baseball caps, while not a replacement for neatly combed and cut hair, are acceptable on one condition: they must be firmly affixed upon one's head, with the brim over your face.

On no condition are flat-brimmed baseball cap. Facial hair is acceptable (make sure that it doesn't break your companies grooming

policies first), but must be neatly trimmed and kempt. Facial hair style is important to, but that is for another issue.

If you follow these simple tips, you will be well on your way to dressing and appearing as a college-age man should.

This is Joshua Minardi, and I will talk to next time in the Gentlemen's Weekly.

Do you agree with Josh's analysis of your style? Do you think he should get with it? Write a response!

Send it to
thevoice@westfield.
ma.edu

Josh Minardi is a sophomore environmental science major, a writer for The Art of Manliness, president of the Westfield State Republican Club and a columnist for The Westfield Voice.

Are you a liberal? Do you have opinions? Write about them!

The Westfield Voice is looking for a columnist to write about liberal politics. If you're interested, contact Joshua Clark, Editor-in-Chief by emailing thevoice@westfield.ma.edu.

Were you on your high school's yearbook staff? Interested in starting Westfield State's yearbook up again?

Contact
jclark8517@westfield...
to indicate that you're interested.

Feature: 'I'm starting to lose my faith in humanity': Student comments on our fascination with technology

Chris Michaud
Online Managing Editor

It's a warm early spring day on the campus green; as I step outside of Lammers Hall to see a plethora of students just hanging out on the campus green.

As I began to take in the beautiful, however stereotypical, college scenery I began to notice something was a bit different from what college appears to be like in the movies.

There were a good amount of students out enjoying the weather by playing football, Frisbee or just by studying in the sun.

However, what I noticed was a lot less social interactions between the students on campus, and more people glued to a piece of technology. iPads, smartphones, iPads, and laptops had people literally glued to their screens.

It then made me wonder about how life would be polar opposites without these devices.

It stems far beyond the Westfield State campus green to almost everywhere you look.

When driving down the streets of Westfield you are bound to see someone in their car, texting (which is illegal according to Massachusetts

law, but that's whole other sarcastically enriched article for me to write), someone walking while using a cell phone, someone using an iPod, a drug transaction or someone using some sort of technological device with the world wide web (www for those who have lived under a rock for the past 20 years.)

This includes, however does not limit to; iPads, iPads, iPhones, iHop, iPad mini, iPad Micro, iPad really ***** small but slightly bigger than the iPod, iCloud, iTunes, I dream of Genie, or anything that starts with an 'I.' Have I gotten the point across?

The fact of the matter is, these devices are changing our social interactions with one another. This goes for everyone!

I even find myself distracted while in public by a text message, Snapchat (which I hate more than finals), or some sort of social networking notification. I can see how it's truly addicting. I still can't help but feel like I am missing out on a great aspect of life because of these devices.

Think back when we were kids, most of us were never really exposed to a great deal of technology because the internet was still in its primitive stages. We had nothing

to distract us from our boredom, so what did we do? Played!

We went outside and played hoop with the kids from across the city, we traded Pokémon cards to whoever we could find to trade their holographic Charizard card, and we walked down the street to ask our friends' parents if he or she could come out to play. We interacted with each other in such a different way than we do now.

Example... My BIGGEST pet peeve is when someone texts me asking "are you in your room?"

First of all, I live in Lammers not Rikers Island my building is very easily accessible to the public without having to pass through the TSA type security check.

Why don't you just walk over and knock on my door and find out. I was then even more infuriated after having the realization that this person lived a floor below me.

I mean come on, it's hard not to see the change happening around us.

Studies show that "New media has brought human interaction and society to a highly interconnected and complex level, but at the same time challenges the very existence of intercultural communication in its tra-

ditional sense" said a researcher at the University of Rhode Island.

Think about it...

Relationships aren't relationships without it being "Facebook official." If you unfriend somebody you know they could be offended, anxieties are built up about what information to put on your profile. The fact of the matter is we are in the diminishing phases of what is to come of our communication in society.

Add 10, 15, or even 20 years and think about how much the problem is going to escalate in those years.

Imagine a world were kids go on the Internet to play computer games with their friends, people tweet feelings and emotions towards other people rather than telling the person to their faces—wait never mind, that already happens.

Face to face interactions are rapidly diminishing and being replaced by the world of horribly distracting yet entertaining social networking.

I mean, jeez, with roughly 7.8 million school aged children diagnosed with ADHD, or creativity as I like to call it (which is a scam if you ask me, but again, not this article) we need a way to keep our generations to

come horribly distracted from the world around us.

Phew, that seemed like more complaining than Rapper Kanye West at the 2009 Grammy Awards.

Anyway, (sorry Yeezy),

In conclusion, the world as we know it is changing and I simply couldn't help but step back and be fascinated by the fact that I am witnessing something important that is changing in our society.

I also couldn't pass up the chance for me to get my terrible jokes and bitchy complaints put in the school newspaper for your entertainment.

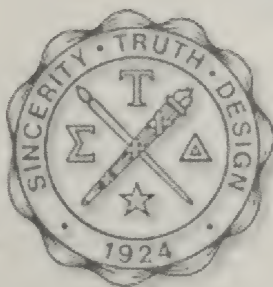
Chances are more than likely this paper will not be read by the majority of students due to the fact that the title doesn't; start with an 'I,' or scam stupefied Americans into continuously dumping billions of dollars into the corporate fat cats at the top of the food chain.

Thank you folks, you've been great.

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If you agree or disagree, send a 'letter to the editor' to thevoice@westfield.ma.edu.

Sigma Tau Delta **Meeting**



When: Wednesday, September 25
6:30pm

Where: Bates 113

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Prof. Haskins & Dr. Dodge in Turkey 2012



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2013
THE WESTFIELD VOICE

Album reviews: Ankit Love's 'Forever' sounds like Chili Peppers

as of Sept. 18 2013

Top 10 Singles

1. Katy Perry - Roar
2. Robin Thicke - Blurred Line
3. Lorde - Royals
4. Jay-Z - Holy Grail
5. Avicii - Wake Me Up
6. Lana Del Ray - Summertime Sadness
7. Lady Gaga - Applause
8. Drake - Hold On, We're Going Home
9. Capital Cities - Safe and Sound
10. Eminem - Berzerk

Top 5 Albums

1. Ariana Grande - Yours Truly
2. Tamar Braxton - Love and War
3. Nine Inch Nails - Hesitation Marks
4. John Legend - Love in the Future
5. Luke Bryan - Crash My Party

Top 5 Movies

1. Insidious 2
2. The Family
3. Riddick
4. Lee Daniels' The Butler
5. We're the Millers

Upcoming DVDs

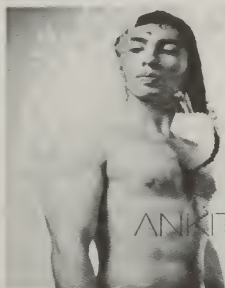
1. Ironman 3
2. The Kings of Summer
3. My Brother the Devil
4. The Power of Love
5. Redemption

Lyndon Seitz
A&E Editor

Ankit Love: Forever

— This is an interesting find. The album's first half is strong, using funk influences and beats like the strangely addictive "Beethoven Burst," and there are other places where I was reminded of the Red Hot Chili Peppers. Unfortunately, he slows things down on the second half and it doesn't work so well. The phrasing of the vocals (a lot of them are spoken) is jarring at times, feeling forced, but when it works its excellent. The lyrics are mostly science fiction related, so if you can't bear that you might want to give it a pass. It might be worth checking out depending on your tastes.

Antonionian: Antonionian — This is electronica which is mostly repetitive and boring (you have heard it before, or have not heard it as your mind just considered it background music not worth the effort to really listen to). The first half of the album's tracks all sound the same (and that isn't a good thing). There are two standouts, though. These are "Into the Night," a song adding some



PHOTOS FROM MUSICSUBMIT.COM (LEFT) AND GUTTERMAGAZINE.COM (RIGHT)

Ankit Fire's "Forever" (left) is reminiscent of a Red Hot Chili Peppers record whereas Antonionian's eponymous album isn't nearly as lyrically or rhythmically interesting.

variety and a better groove, and "Fate's Not Particular." I would recommend checking out those tracks, and then maybe checking out the album.

Anya Marina: Felony Flats

— Here is a female rock-pop artist who is mediocre at best. This album seems mostly derivative of techniques of other artists, and she can't necessarily do anything better than anyone else. Most of the songs here I find difficult to distinguish from one another, and the only memorable one that comes to mind is the track "You Are Invisible," which I wouldn't listen to again over most other music. The music is a sufficient compliment, but also forgettable. I can't really see a reason to recommend this album to anyone.

Apollo 440: The Future's What It Used To Be — This is the best electronic music I've heard in a while. Note that this should be taken with a grain of salt, because that's not saying much. Nonetheless, this is a very interesting listen and has some really good stuff such as the title track, "Motorbootie," and "Fuzzy Logic." The last of those is one of the most interesting yet pleasant things I've heard in a long time. There are U2 influences of all things in the vocals on some of the tracks, and the music at times is nothing special, I think it might be still worth checking out if and only if you'd listen to this sort of thing.

Arstidir: Svefnis og vöku síl — This is a beautiful album from an Icelandic



band that is mostly slow and has a folk feel to it, but it adds so much more (I would suggest the classical influences show the most). Not all of it is in English (perhaps it's a 50/50 split), but it sounds beautiful either way. The vocals and harmonies will make most listeners melt. The strings used (whether violins or guitars) sound wonderful, and not overwhelming in the least. It deserves a few listens, is probably one of my favorites in recent history, and I absolutely recommend it.

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Knowing to Cook: Cooking is a form of art, not a fear

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

Everyone loves food.

Whether it is fast food or organic food doesn't really matter.

What matters is the love, attention, and time people take out of their day to enjoy a meal.

In knowing and understanding how to prepare food, for instance, to know how to cook, one can fully reap the benefits that food provides as well as learning a vital life skill.

Unfortunately, being on a college campus does not always allow much opportunity for one to create a meal.

However, making a meal has the potential to be far more productive than other non-academic activities in which college students participate.

There is great pleasure in creating a meal, not only do you get to consume every last tasty morsel but also the satisfaction with yourself that you've created something so good.

There is a common fear when it comes to cooking: what if I burn myself/set the meal on fire?

All cooks will burn themselves at some point, but the main objective of learning how to cook should not be based around this primal fear of pain.

The great Julia Child

would spend hours messing up meal after meal until she finally got it right.

The main key is just to keep at it.

You don't have to be some Iron Chef in the kitchen; as a matter of fact the kitchen is a place where one can be most himself.

Food is as expressive an art form as painting or theatre, and anyone can learn the craft of cooking just by understanding how to follow a recipe.

And for the sake of fun, I am presenting a recipe for a simple tomato sauce for you to use with pasta or any dish that requires it.

Buona Tavola!

(Italian for good eating).

Simple Tomato Sauce

Ingredients:

- 4-5 Vine ripened tomatoes OR 2 cans of diced tomatoes
- 2 cloves of garlic OR a tablespoon of minced garlic
- Olive Oil
- Basil
- Oregano
- Red Pepper Flakes
- Salt and Pepper (to taste)

Instructions:

1. Begin by cutting the onion into small slices then set it aside.
2. Take the two cloves of garlic and place the flat side of the knife on top of the garlic clove. Slam palm of your hand onto the flat side of the knife to crush the garlic clove. Proceed to mince the garlic.
3. (If you are using canned tomatoes, skip this step.) Dice the ripe tomatoes and place them in a bowl. Crush them with your hands to extract the juices.

If you have fresh basil leaves, cut up between 2-4.

4. Pour about a tablespoon of olive oil into a sauce pan set on the stove to medium or high heat. Once the olive oil begins to give off steam, add the onions and garlic.

5. Cook until the onions are translucent, and then add your tomatoes, basil, oregano, red pepper flakes, and the salt and pepper.

6. Mix together and bring the heat down to low and allow the sauce to simmer for about 20 minutes.

7. Goes excellently with pasta.

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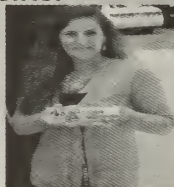
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From 'The Voice' Vault

BHE unanimously approves Evan Dobelle as Westfield State president

This article was published in the January 25, 2008 issue of The Voice.

The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education unanimously approved the selection of Evan S. Dobelle of Pittsfield, Mass. as the new president of Westfield State College. Dobelle, president and CEO of the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE), began his new position at the Westfield Mass. institution on Monday, Jan. 14.

John F. Flynn III, a member of the Westfield State College Board of Trustees, presented the board's recommendations to the BHE. The college selected Dobelle from an initial pool of 140.

Dobelle's nomination from Thomas J. Foley, chair of the trustees said, "Dr. Dobelle is a candidate of unmatched experience, outstanding credentials, and demonstrated commitment to the ideals and goals of Westfield State College."

"The references examined by the college's search committee and

by the board, as well as feedback we received from the campus community, express utmost confidence that Dr. Dobelle would provide the kind of collaborative leadership that will enhance Westfield State's already considerable strengths well into the future," the report said.

Dobelle's selection received praise from several members of the higher education community.

"Evan has been a superb president of NEBHE," said Mary Cathcart, chairman of the board at NEBHE. "He is a persuasive and passionate advocate for higher education, and his leadership abilities and record of success at every institution he has led are respected throughout the nation."

"Evan is an experienced and effective leader who will bring new ideas and great energy track to Westfield as its president," said Gaston Caperton, national president of The College Board, based in New York City.

U.S. Rep. Richard E. Neal (D-Springfield) told The Republican newspaper of Springfield Mass.,

that he has known Dobelle for a long time. "He has a first class intellect, great organization skills, and a terrific educator and community leader."

"Evan Dobelle is a solid choice as the next president of Westfield State College," he said. "His dynamic leadership quality, national stature, problem solving ability, and collaborative style make him a very welcome addition to the public higher education system in Massachusetts."

"The honor that the search committee and the board have given me is one I accept with great passion and devotion to the faculty, staff, students, and alumni of Westfield State," Dobelle said. "I look forward to listening carefully and providing leadership to our academic community. I also extend my gratitude to the New England Board of Higher Education which allowed me the honor to serve as their president these past three years."

Dobelle previously served as president of Middlesex Community College in Massachusetts, the City

College of San Francisco, Trinity College in Hartford and the University of Hawaii system. He has bachelor's and master's degrees, as well as an Ed.D. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and an MPA from Harvard University.

Before his career in education, Dobelle was mayor of Pittsfield from 1973 to 1976. He was also treasurer and deputy chair of the Democratic National Committee and national chairman of the Carter-Mondale Presidential Exploratory Committee.

He was chief of protocol of the United States with the rank of ambassador in the late 70's. His state political career also included serving as commissioner of Environmental Management and Natural Resources and executive assistant to former U.S. Sen. Edward Brooke (R-Massachusetts).

Dobelle will be the 19th president of Westfield State College. The college was founded in 1838 as America's first co-educational teaching institution.

From The Owl: Commuter Viewpoint

This article was published in the March 3, 1975 issue of The Owl.

Bill Welch

Owl Contributor

Commuters make up over fifty percent of the student population, making them a majority group. But they are largely an anonymous and silent majority.

Indeed, what is a commuter? Is he like a modern centaur, half human and half car as he speeds to and from campus? Is drinking coffee at Bates Cafeteria his main extra-curricular activity? Certainly this is part of the stereotype of the commuter. And like all stereotypes, it is not a complete picture.

Commuters are a very diverse group of people in terms of goals,

needs, and problems. Work is a problem that most commuters share. I have known many students who have worked thirty, even forty hours a week while maintaining a full academic load.

To these people, education is their prime concern and they spend as little time as possible on campus.

Other commuters may work fifteen hours or less and have a relatively easy time. Some students travel one mile to get to school while others travel 20 miles. In age groups, commuters can be anywhere from eighteen to at least fifty.

The point is that commuters are a very diverse group and resist any uniform characterization.

It is precisely this diversity

which causes a communication gap between the college and commuters. It is seen when commuters are urged to get involved in school activities while making it nearly impossible to do so. This is not to say that activities be arranged expressly for commuters. This would be an impossibility.

However, what is needed is more information on the commuter viewpoint. What, is his feeling or lack of feeling about campus life? What are his needs and problems in relation to education? Can a better cup of coffee be served at Bates Cafeteria?

The Commuter Council is writing up a comprehensive survey to provide some of the answers to these questions.

This survey should give some insight into the commuter situation. From it the administration can learn of commuter views and, perhaps, changes can be made.

The Commuter Council urges all commuter students to answer the survey questionnaire in order to give an accurate picture. The information is important in establishing some kind of communication between the college and the commuter.

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Owls Sports

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2013
THE WESTFIELD VOICE

Westfield State takes care of Western New England in home opener

Andrew Burke

Matt Stover

Voice Reporters

The Westfield State football team, coming off of a 3-7 2012 campaign, dropped their first game to the Nichols Bison on Sept. 6.

Nichols was able to come back from a 14-point deficit in the second half, eventually forcing overtime, behind the efforts of senior captain wide receiver Dylan Rimsky.

Rimsky posted video game numbers with 290 receiving yards, three touchdowns, and 14 receptions in the win, leading to the Bison outgaining the Owls 420-257.

Owl's junior running back Michael Mercadante totaled 94 yards on 28 carries and had one touchdown in the second quarter, putting Westfield State a head 7-0.

Westfield State won the coin toss in overtime and deferred. After losing yards on the first two plays, Bison quarterback Quillian Respass found Rimsky for a 32-yard touchdown putting them in front 28-21.

Westfield was able to get into the end zone on their first possession of overtime, as well. However, instead of kicking an extra point and tying the game at 28, Coach Marino decided to play for the win and go for the two-point conversion, a pass that fell incomplete, ending the game.

Their attention shifted to Western New England University for the game on September 13, making an impressive statement with a 33-7 victory, reclaiming the President's Trophy for the first time in four years.



PHOTOS BY NANCY BALS FOR THE WESTFIELD VOICE

Head coach Steve Marino and senior captain Joe Kreinsen hoist the 2013 President's Cup Trophy following a 33-7 win over Western New England. The win brings the Owl's to 1-1 heading into week three against Umass Dartmouth.



The Owls offense struggled out of the gate, having trouble getting any positive yards on the ground or in the air. Westfield was forced to punt on their first three possessions, failing to get the ball past the 50-yard line.

Westfield's defense had the bend but don't break mentality as they struggled to contain John Krafick and Kevin Cook early on.

"Western New England has an offense that puts a lot of pressure on you and Pete Kowalski had our defense ready. They have a high powered offense but our defense kept making big plays," head coach Steve Marino said after the win.

The defense forced six turnovers on Friday night, five of which resulted in a scoring drive.

Cook was the one bright spot

for the Golden Bear offense as he rushed for 76 yards. The up-tempo Western New England offense gave the Westfield defense all they could handle in the early stages of the game.

The Owls caught a break with their backs up against their own goal line halfway through the second quarter.

Nick Adams jumped a screen route and intercepted Krafick's pass attempt and took it 89 yards to the end zone to give the Owls a 6-0 lead.

Adam's interception return inspired the Westfield sideline as the Owls started to dominate defensively.

Westfield quarterback Eric Washburn played a solid game, making the right reads and throw-

ing the ball with a purpose. His highlight was an 11-yard quarterback keeper that he was able to get into the end zone, which put the Owls up 16-0.

Westfield's defense continued to create turnovers and prevent the Golden Bear offense from getting anything going.

Following Gregg Jackson's second interception, Westfield and the two-headed monster in the backfield for the Owls, Mike Mercadante and Brian Beauchemin, both scored making this one a laugh, 33-7.

The owls look to build off this upset win when Umass Dartmouth visits Alumni Field on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2014 at 1 p.m.

Be sure to attend and cheer on the Owls for another win on family weekend.

Overthinking It: Everything wrong with a pitchers' worth tied to the W-L statistic

Joey Cooper
Sports Editor

The metric that's most commonly paired with a pitcher's performance in a concise approach is their win-lose record. Ultimately, a pitcher's objective each start is to win the game right?

A pitcher's win-lose is the foundation of where most baseball beat writers, columnists and fans begin their player analysis. The Baseball Writers' Association of America, the group that is authorized to determine who makes the National Baseball Hall of Fame located in Cooperstown, New York, have also been cited using this traditional statistic as grounds for interpreting a player's worth.

Accumulating a win in Major League Baseball is defined as, "the pitcher who last pitched prior to the half-inning when the winning team took the

lead for the last time."

This specification of the rule makes no mention to the level of the pitcher's performance in quality. There are distinct examples around the majors that would conclude a win-lose record to have virtually no connection in determining the value of performance.

To receive a win, a pitcher typically needs run support, satisfactory fielding, and above average relief after their departure. In a best case scenario situation, a pitcher will go nine full innings of work, in charge of 27 of the opposing teams batting outs. Here they still only maintain less than half of the games control factoring in team fielding throughout.

With less control over a game then assumed, how can obtaining a win give a clear indication of a pitcher's performance?

Boston Red Sox fans should be well versed in this growing movement of

skepticism surrounding the win-lose of pitcher in regards to John Lackey. Sitting at 9-12, in the mist of one of his best years in the majors, Lackey is in danger of a sub-.500 record for the first time since his second season in the majors, sporting an earned run average (ERA) of 4.63 ERA.

After taking 2012 off recovering from Tommy John surgery, Lackey has come back at his finest. With increased velocity, and sustainable control, Lackey has managed to record 3.56 ERA, 1.91 walks per nine innings (BB/9), 3.73 fielder independent pitching (FIP), and a 3.3 wins above replacement (WAR) in only 174.1 innings pitched (IP) per Fan Graphs.

Despite putting together a strong 2013 campaign, a quick eye test by the average traditionalist would warrant their disapproval based on the coveted win-lose record.

In 2013, the following

stat line was amassed over a compilation of 44 games where the pitcher went eight IP or more and allowed two runs or less. Most if not all baseball analytic departments would establish this model to be worthy of obtaining a win.

Record of 0-14, 354.1 IP, 1.40 ERA, 22.8 strikeouts per nine innings (K %).

Despite the winless record, this model used for a single player would accrue close to two seasons of work, deserving consecutive Cy Young awards, warranting a long multi-year extension worth in the upwards of hundreds of millions.

In 2012, 16% of pitchers who tossed at least seven innings of shutout baseball did not earn a win.

From 1950-2013, there have been 639 games lost when a pitcher has surrendered zero earned runs, 4416 losses for one earned run, and 7540 losses for surrendering two earned runs, according to baseball refer-

ence.

Major league front offices have entire analytic teams whose main objective is to find inexpensive, undervalued talent. Much like the business world, baseball executives refrain from dragging their feet when it comes to attributing value to a given employee.

In 2013, there is no need to rely on counting metrics like W-L, runs batted in (RBI), hits, strikeouts and even homeruns which can be misleading. They remain problematic because of the varying sample size each player has been dealt due to opportunity, performance and injury.

Today's statistical analysis has come a long

see COOPER on page 21.

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Lady Owls' Volleyball go 2-1 in three matches

Ryan Sances
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State women's volleyball team split its weekend tri-match Sept. 14, sweeping UMass Dartmouth 3-0 and falling 0-3 to host, Mount Holyoke.

The Owls defeated the Corsairs of UMass Dartmouth in three sets by scores of 25-23, 25-21, and 25-15.

Senior captains Julia Warner and Lindsay Rescott led the way for

the owls posting 14 and 11 kills, respectively. Junior Carolyn Cote had a match leading 32 assists.

Sophomore Brianna Perry had nine kills and 10 digs for the Corsairs while Freshman Christina Spinozla added 19 assists.

Earlier in the day the Owls dropped their opening match to the hosting Mount Holyoke Lyons in straight sets: 17-25, 22-25, and 20-25.

Julia Warner led the

scoring for Westfield notching 11 kills in addition to 13 digs. Carolyn Cote led all players with 26 assists.

Senior Kaleen Iwema, who had 14 kills and 10 digs, led Mount Holyoke in their win.

Sophomore Emma Sweeting added 11 kills and Freshman Natalie Lyon had 19 assists.

Tuesday, Sept. 17, the Owl's rallied at home against Bridgewater State University, 3-2.

The rally was sparked

by two of the seniors in Lindsay Rescott (19 kills) and Julia Warner (17 digs, 13 kills), leading Westfield in a victory (13-25, 25-17, 16-25, 25-22, 16-14).

Rescott took matters into her own hands with kills on the 23rd and 24th points in effort to the win over rival, Bridgewater, in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) opener.

Westfield travels to Worcester Sept. 21,

2 p.m. for a Saturday showdown with the 6-6 Wheaton College Lyons.

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Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Friday, August 30th
W VBall vs. Elms College W 3-0
W VBall vs. Albertus Magnus W 3-0
Saturday, August 31st
W VBall vs. SUNY Cobleskill W 3-0
W Soccer at New Paltz W 2-0
M Soccer Western New England L 0-5
Sunday, September 1st
W Soccer vs. Salve Regina W 4-0
M Soccer vs. Emmanuel College W 1-0
Wednesday, September 4th
M Soccer vs. Albertus Magnus W 1-0
W VBall at Keene State L 0-3
Friday, September 6
Women's Soccer vs. Roger Williams L 0-1
W VBall vs. Eastern Connecticut L 0-3
Football at Nichols College L 27-28 OT
W VBall vs. Rivier College L 1-3
Saturday, September 7
W XC at Smith College Invitational 6th Place
Field Hockey vs. Roger Williams W 5-1
W VBall vs. Simmons College W 3-0
W Soccer vs. Johnson & Wales L 0-1
Wednesday, September 11th
W Soccer vs. Johnson & Wales L 0-1
W VBall vs. Elms College W 3-1
Friday, September 13th
Football vs. Western New England W 33-7
Saturday, September 14
W XC at Franklin Pierce Invitational 5th Place
M XC at Franklin Pierce Invitational 4th place
W VBall at Mt. Holyoke College L 0-3
Field Hockey vs. Eastern Connecticut W 2-1 2 OTs (shootout)
M Soccer at Springfield College L 0-3
W VBall vs. UMass Dartmouth W 3-0
W Soccer vs. Eastern Connecticut L 0-1
Sunday, September 15
W Golf at Rhode Island College 'N/A'
Tuesday, September 17
M Soccer at Trinity College L 0-7
W VBall vs. Bridgewater State W 3-2
Field Hockey vs. Endicott L 0-1

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Friday, September 20th
M XC at Jim Ryun Invitational 6:00 p.m.
W XC at Jim Ryun Invitational 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 21st
W Golf at Mount Holyoke Invite 8:00 a.m.
Football vs. UMass Dartmouth 1:00 p.m.
W Soccer at Fitchburg State 2:00 p.m.
W VBall vs. Wheaton College 2:00 p.m.
(at WPI in Worcester, Mass.)
Field Hockey vs. UMass Dartmouth 3 p.m.
W VBall at WPI 4:00 p.m.
M Soccer vs. Fitchburg State 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 22nd
W Golf at Mount Holyoke Invite 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 24th
M Soccer at Elms College 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 25th
W Soccer at Smith College 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 26th
M Golf at Westfield State Invite 11:00 a.m.
Field Hockey at Elms College 7:00 p.m.

If you went to an Owls Athletics event and took photos, we want them! Email thevoice@westfield.ma.edu to have your photo in the paper!

Warner named "MASCAC Volleyball Player Of Week"

Mickey Curtis

WSU Athletics Dept.

Westfield State University's Julia Warner (Lee, Mass.) has been selected the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) women's volleyball player of the week.

The 5-9 senior outside hitter averaged 14 kills and 11 digs in 2-1 week for the Owls that included 3-0 victories over Elms and UMass Dartmouth.

She compiled 17 kills, 4 service aces and 11 digs in win over Elms, and had 14 kills, 2 aces, and 9 digs vs. UMass Dartmouth.

Westfield State returns to action on Tuesday, Sept. 17, when



PHOTO BY MICKEY CURTIS

Westfield State's Julia Warner has been named MASCAC women's volleyball Player of the Week thanks to her efforts against UMass Dartmouth.

it hosts Bridgewater State in a key MASCAC match.

Westfield State edges EConn., 2-1

Mickey Curtis

WSU Athletics Dept.

Freshman forward Holly Brouillette (Burlington, Mass.) scored the only goal in the shootout competition following double overtime to lift Westfield State University to a 2-1 field hockey victory over Eastern Connecticut State University on Saturday, Sept. 14.

Westfield remains unbeaten at 3-0 after winning its Little East Conference opener. Eastern Connecticut is 3-2.

After 70 minutes of regulation and two 15-minute overtime stanzas, the conference rivals were deadlocked at 1-1.

Five players from each squad were designated to participate in the shootout to determine the winner,

and Brouillette scored as the Owls' No. 4 shooter.

Westfield State freshman goalie Megan Fountaine stopped all five Eastern Connecticut shot attempts.

Eastern Connecticut scored 5:03 into the game on an unassisted goal by Hannah Keiser.

Westfield evened the score 10 minutes later on Courtney Araujo's goal off a penalty corner, with assists from Emily Williams and Danielle Grenon.

Eastern Connecticut had the biggest scoring threat the remainder of the game with just over four minutes remaining in the first overtime.

Marinna Edmond had a wide open net on a mini-breakaway but her shot hit the left post.

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News and Campus

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that the expenses that are currently being questioned were actually self-reported and part of a comprehensive review of travel expenses.

This comprehensive review led to the tightening of university policy regarding such expenses.

He added, "I followed the practice of having my credit card bills reviewed for any personal charges and repaying them immediately...I wish I had given the process more personal attention."

The "personal attention" he referred to would have prevented the "clerical or administrative errors" he then alluded to.

Dobelle also argued that the accountants' report does not take into account the improvements made to the university related to the expenses incurred to make those improvements.

He said, "[A]n understanding of our University's goals and recent achievements would have gone a long way toward providing the accountants with the perspective necessary to appreciate the significant return on investment garnered from these expenditures."

Throughout his statement, Dobelle did not make any significant or specific statements toward any individual expenditure.

Although, when referring to the trip to Asia to improve the international programs initiatives, he did say that he was not the only person on this trip, which was commissioned to lay the groundwork to expand international programs.

He claimed in the meeting that the return on investment, which the international programs office has benefitted from, was far beyond the initial investment.

Dobelle's statement continued about the progress the university has achieved since the beginning of his tenure and culminated with a message of hope that the Board of Trustees and the university can focus their efforts on "continued growth and success of the University, its faculty, and students."

Student reaction to this predicament has been mixed. "I feel like most of what I've heard is just conjecture and peoples' opinions. I haven't seen any solid evidence," said Stuart Holland, a junior theater major. "But at the same time corruption is rather rampant in high positions so I wouldn't be surprised

if it turned out to be true," he added.

David Nolan, a senior computer science major, said he was disappointed because the issue negatively affects both the president's and Westfield State University's reputation.

Nolan said people would be less likely to donate money to Westfield State if they thought their money would be misappropriated somehow.

But at the same time, Nolan doesn't believe that the President's current predicament could affect his education. "It's not really that big of a deal," said Nolan, trying to relate the allegations to everyday student life.

Nolan said there should be "some kind of financial probation" levied against the president and that the Board of Trustees should watch his spending more closely.

Nevertheless, students have a certain level of confidence in Dobelle.

One student, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that Dobelle's achievements as president have increased the visibility of the university internationally, and the campus does have a lot of energy.

Requests for interviews with Dobelle's office were granted, but he was unable to speak about anything related to these current events in any specific terms. The ongoing investigation with the Inspector General and Attorney General has deterred any comments on this specific subject.

Quotations attributed to Dobelle in other newspapers and in the media were given by him in generalities and not speaking to any specific activity or expenditure related to current events.

Dobelle said he would be happy to speak with this newspaper once he is able to.

The president and the Board of Trustees will be appearing in Boston on September 20th to speak with officials as part of the ongoing investigation.

Once the investigation is complete, the ordeal will be over for Dobelle, but it remains to be seen what will come of it.

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-ic. August was a busy month in the media regarding Westfield State; Koury was careful not to talk too much about the media's focus on Dr. Dobelle, but most of his reporting was about investigators requesting certain documents pertaining to travel spending policies.

Jennifer McDiarmid, Class

of 2014 Representative, asked if Dr. Dobelle and the Board of Trustees' trip to Boston would mean the investigation is over, or a part of it was completed.

Koury answered by saying the Boston meeting was called by the Chair of the Board of Higher Education to answer some questions before the Investigator general releases all of their findings.

As awkward as it was, Koury did a nice job fighting through his report but more news on the subject matter will eventually resurface soon.

Next, Rebecca DiVico, Vice President of Student Life, had some skin crawling news that University Hall had bug infestation problem on the 4th floor.

The problem has been taken care of but she warns anyone to keep an eye out for spacious wall crawling activities and contact Residence Life.

Ryan Losco delivered some laughs yet again at his report when, he was talking about the President's Parking Space Fundraiser, he was asked "Will you take bribes" and replied, "I'll take whatever." The Senate and Executive Board busted out in laughter.

Senators who were absent during the roll call on the September 10th meeting were Kevin Soucie, Brittany Moniz, John Dowd, and Nicole Primeau. The September 17th meeting roll call sole absentee was Luis Arzola.

The Executive Board encourages students who want to get involved in Student Government to participate in elections by either voting for nominees or by becoming a nominee themselves.

More information on that is found in the Student Government Room in the basement level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be September 24th at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter Mazza Student Government Room in the basement level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

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only exception being the 19 meal plan where it is more valuable to have the meal plan.

The point of my long and dreary intro is to bring to light the extra costs that we object ourselves to without doing much research. I could have easily spent an unnecessary amount of money, not to mention that I would be limited to eating at the dining commons every day just to get the value of my dollar.

The Sodexo bucks would be the only thing that would add variety to my day and will obviously run out at some point in time. I see it as more valuable if I just added Owl bucks to my account and used it wherever I pleased; especially knowing that I also get a 10% discount on almost everything that I buy. I can no longer subject myself to knowingly overspending and I have quickly cancelled my meal plan.

I thought the point of a meal plan was to help someone save on what would otherwise be an expensive and cumbersome action to prepare and provide their own meals. Obviously I was wrong.

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great question but also the President finally shows a side of himself rarely seen.

While responding to the reporter and then for the rest of the night Obama let himself go and looked like a man who was tired, shaken and at some points remorseful. It took years but I think Obama finally figured out that we, the people, will no longer let "Hope" lead us blindly like shepherd guides his sheep. Whether or not you agree with me politically and even morally, the one thing all Americans can agree with is we want our men to stop dying in other countries and to come home to their loving and waiting families.

Sports

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way since the founding years of baseball. Counting statistics like the RBI, coined in 1879 by a Buffalo based newspaper, are both ambiguous and archaic.

These traditional stats lack context, standing alone, scouts cannot fully understand what they're looking at with such inadequate data. Percentage statistics are more likely to provide a clearer examination of a player's worth. Quantitative numbers that represent findings are not useful without sufficient qualitative results, which attempts to answer why it's relevant.

For example, on-base percentage (OBP) tracks how often a player reached a base from a walk, hit, or hit by pitch. Slugging average (SLG) measures a hitter's power, weighted on-base average (wOBA) is used to measure total offensive value which combines the attributing factors of both OBP and SLG.

FIP as previously men-

tioned is what a pitcher's ERA would be with league average fielding and base running. This allows various factors that pitchers cannot control that come into play to be extracted when looking at their earned runs per nine innings. FIP was constructed to ignore a teammate's range, the base runners, umpires, different ballpark dimensions, random luck and even the official scorer.

There are 13 players with sub-.500 records out of the top 60 pitchers in FIP in all of baseball, between all players under 4.00, which is considered above average value.

One of the top performers of the 2013 season has been Chris Sale of the struggling Chicago White Sox. Sale remains atop the American League in FIP, WAR, K/9. Despite Sale's Cy Young contending numbers, he has acquired a record of 11-13, on an offensively deficient team that has scored the second fewest runs in all of baseball, to no fault of Sale's efforts.

It's not just the sports media and the bottom tickers of a player's statistics on television that help encourage such elementary ideas. Detroit Tigers manager Jim Leyland, who managed the 2013 American League All-Star team decided to choose Orioles pitcher, Chris Tillman over the Yankees Hiroki Kuroda. Tillman's stat line read 11-3, 3.95 ERA, 3.30 BB/9, 1.35 walks plus hits per inning pitched (WHIP), 111.2 IP, compared to Kuroda's 8-6, 2.65 ERA, 1.82 BB/9, 1.05 WHIP, 118.2 IP.

When asked about his decision, with Kuroda earning the better 2013 resume, Leyland said, "I looked at it very thoroughly, and at the end of the day, I added Tillman because I just felt like ... I'd almost be embarrassed not to take a guy that's 11-3 to the All-Star Game." Leyland said, "I thought he deserved it. I think when you have 11 wins by the All-Star break; I think that's pretty hard to keep a guy off."

Even a veteran manager like Jim Leyland, that has managed since 1986, winning the 1997 World Series, two-time NL Manager of the Year, describes "very thoroughly" through the scope of wins and losses.

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Horoscopes

Virgo (August 24 – September 22)

If a rabbit in the hand is worth five in the bush, how many tulips can a woodpecker peck if it has 40 days to live? Your life is a series of perhaps meaningless questions. How will you answer them?

Libra (September 23 – October 22)

There is a train from Savannah heading to Boston and vice versa travelling at the speeds of 40 mph and 50 mph respectively. Where will they go? Will you be there to pick up the pieces? Will you be on the tracks? These are things you must know.

Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

Sometimes, you might just need a hug. Do you need a hug, reader? The stars are offering you their support and affection. It is there if you want to accept it.

Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

There is a means to an end that is a means in itself, it is not mean but we do not know what it means to do. We also do not know what it means for you.

Capricorn (December 21 – January 20)

You are your own history, and the savior, the hero of your story, will be yourself. Your sword will be your ignorance, and your shield will be your doubt.

Aquarius (January 21 – February 19)

There is a world beyond reason and science, a world where whimsy reigns and the stars are forever in the sky. This is a world

where fate exists. You are entering... the horoscope zone. This is where you live.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 – March 20)
Instead of imagining some fantasy, which will never happen, make the world you live in the world you want to live in. If that is already the case, have some higher aspirations.

Aries
(March 21 – April 20)
Fill your throat with water from the canteen of life, and guzzle down all of the world's splendor. Do not stop drinking until you are more than satisfied and need to sit down on the couch.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
You could try to mail yourself to a Russian penal colony, but why were you thinking of that in the first place (and the stars know you were, even subconsciously)? Think about your feelings instead.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
Nothing bad is going to happen to you. You will be almost invincible to the problems of everyday life. If there are problems, you'll bounce back stronger than ever.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
Nothing bad is going to happen to you. You will be almost invincible to the problems of everyday life. If there are problems, you'll bounce back stronger than ever.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
The ninjas are coming. They will be ready to do whatever it takes to get the treasure. You will want to avoid the treasure for now. It will be waiting for you where you expect it in the future.

Games & Leisure

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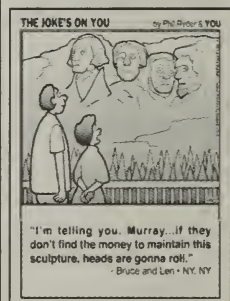
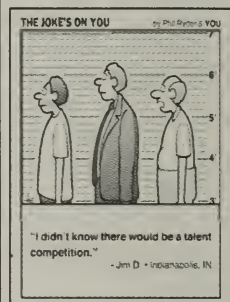
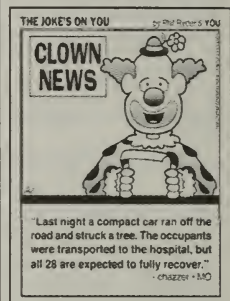
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Remembering Emilee Gagnon

Tessa Newell

Voice Reporter

Westfield lost one of its most inspirational and kind-hearted graduates, Emilee Gagnon, last Monday, Sept. 23, 2013.

Emilee was taking a solo bike ride across the country to help fundraise for Multiple Sclerosis when she was struck from behind by an SUV.

Although Emilee was known throughout the Westfield community for her spectacular hair and her bright personality to match, there was much more to Emilee than most people would know.

Christopher Holmes, another Westfield graduate, was one of Emilee's closest friends.

"She was thirteen when she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, which is not one of those cancers that a lot of people survive," Holmes said. "But Emilee, being the spirit she was, was not going to let that happen to her."

Emilee underwent several surgeries, including having a tumor removed, and went through chemotherapy throughout her early high school years.

Despite her struggles with the disease, she came out the other end of the treatment cancer free.

At Westfield, Emilee excelled both academically and artistically. She was a part of the Honors Program on campus and was one of a handful of students to receive the Commonwealth Scholarship at her graduation.

Emilee was an Art major with an Art History concentration and both a French minor and a Women's Study minor.

Despite her multiple fields of interest, art was Emilee's passion.

"Emilee really got into acrylic paint on campus; she was really starting to get how to blend color and create depth. And she loved mixing surrealist painting with a feminist message."

Holmes said about Emilee's art. "She also really liked doing self-portraits; she was really inspired by Frieda Callao. She liked the idea of painting yourself but focusing on your imperfections, because your imperfections are what make you beautiful."

Rebecca DiVico, the Student Government Vice President of Student Life, is working towards having a memorial service for Emilee on campus.

"We're trying to get Dever Stage for the service so we can have people speak about Emilee," she said.

Among some of the suggested people to speak are Professor Vanessa Diana, who advised Emilee through her honors thesis project, some of the art students on campus, and a few of Emilee's former roommates.

Emilee's family has also been invited to the memorial service and is likely to attend.

"We've reached out to Emilee's family and we're hoping they'll come to the memorial," DiVico said. "There is currently a fund growing for them and we would like to present them with a check if we can."

On top of a fund for the Gagnon family there is a fund for

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Jessica Thelen

Voice Reporter

Last week, Westfield State University lost one of its most memorable, compassionate, kind, gifted, beautiful, and funny students.

Emilee Gagnon, a 2013 graduate, tragically passed away while riding her bicycle across the country to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis.

She majored in Art History, Ethnic Studies, and Foreign Language, and graduated with honors. As a friend of Emilee, words cannot express how devastated I am, along with everyone that had the opportunity to meet her and call her a friend.

She profoundly affected the lives of everyone she met and knew. She continues to live on through everyone whose life she touched; her positivity, strength, and love live on. She was a fighter and a survivor: she strove to help other people and to make the world a better place.

Donations in Emilee's memory may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation (www.mymsaa.org) or to the Make A Wish Foundation (www.wish.org).

Here, I share a few thoughts from just a handful of the many people mourning her:

"It's an absolute tragedy that we've lost Emilee because she was incredibly sweet, and intelligent and caring, and creative, and the only thing she ever wanted to do was help other people and to make the world a better place. There's not a lot of people like that out there and

losing Emilee just means that there is one less person out there like that." – Nate Canty, senior

"She was a beautiful and radiant person, both inside and out, who would continuously push for equality, always wore a smile, and was a pleasure to have as a friend or acquaintance. Her creativity and joyful spirit will continue to live on through all the people she had met in her life." – Evan Crimmins, senior

The staff of The Westfield Voice would like to offer our thoughts and condolences to the Gagnon family at this time. We are truly saddened by this unfortunate event.

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UMass graduates of the 2012 class started Nazca Line Apparel, a clothing line that features Peruvian designs and benefits the children in the city of Tacna. A new T-Shirt line is due out next spring.

Springfield Student,
SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE
Springfield College welcomed Dillon Beckford as the new associate director of Residential Life.

The Clock,
PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY
More than 180 tenured and tenure-track PSU faculty are considering whether or not to form a faculty union under the State Employees' Association of New Hampshire. The vote will not be unanimous.

The Huntington News,
NORTHEASTERN UNIV.
A year ago, First Round Capital, a venture capital company, started the Dorm Room Fund. It assists students in creating their own start-ups. Since its creation, Dorm Room Fund has backed 24 start-ups and has expanded to New York, San Francisco and Boston.

From the front page: Remembering 2013 alum Emilee Dawn Gagnon

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Multiple Sclerosis on Emilee's behalf and an Honors Program Scholarship being started in Emilee's name.

Although Emilee's fundraising for MS was the main objective of her bike ride, Holmes revealed there was more to Emilee's trip than just fundraising.

"She needed to go on an adventure," Holmes said.

"She slowly discovered her passion for biking over time and the idea of it finally hit her one day. Emilee had worked so

hard her senior year and she just needed to break away and be that strong, fiercely independent woman that she was," he added.

Holmes said that Emilee also did the bike ride for her art.

"By the end of senior year she was really starting to develop her style and her message through her art. Through this adventure I think she wanted an explosion of that creativity, a release of all of it," Holmes said. "She wanted to be inspired."

Whether or not Emilee found her inspi-

ration on her bike ride we can't be sure, but it is certain that Emilee was an inspiration to all of us.

While those who knew her grieve for the loss of a girl who was so alive and brave, those who didn't know her also grieve for the loss of someone they admired for her uniqueness and the constant light she brought everywhere she went.

"All she ever wanted for anyone to do was to just be themselves and to be an individual," Holmes said. "She wanted everyone to find something they

care so much about that it hurts."

Although Emilee is gone, the impact she has made on everyone she met will never fade. No matter how well any one person knew her, Emilee's statement of bravery and individuality was made clear through her passion and capacity to live life to its fullest.

It is a statement that will live on through her memory with her friends and family, and through every person who stopped to admire the beautiful girl with the rainbow hair, hula hooping on the Green.

The Scene at Brown Bag Bingo

Jennifer Miniter
Photography Editor

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Students fill Scanlon Banquet Hall for a night of bingo.



"Loser Bingo" has everybody standing and waiting to win.

Correction

The photo of the Owls' Cross Country teams in Florida that ran on page 16 of the September 27th issue was misattributed to Dave Fried. It was actually taken by Olivia Marshall.



The bingo prizes sit along the table in the Scanlon Banquet Hall, at the start of Brown Bag Bingo last Friday.

SGA sits full Senate, gears are in motion

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

Oct. 1 marks the month for the MLB playoffs and especially the Red Sox's hopeful post season run; however it also means another Student Government Association meeting with a full house thanks to the elections of the class and hall council senators.

The energy before the start of the meeting was easily at a semester high and then it came down to business as the madam president took her gavel and pounded it on the sound block to officially start the meeting.

Taylor Fote, President of the SGA, began her report with guest speakers. Dr. Carlton Pickron, Vice President of Student Affairs, welcomed and introduced the new senators to their first SGA meeting. Dr. Pickron was very pleased to see the room filled with new members and also handed out Westfield State lapel

pins to the new senators, encouraging them to "wear them proudly" and to be "a voice on campus."

Dr. Pickron added that this "voice" is to help others who aren't acting like the adults that this university needs. This call to action is due to the recent illegal drug and alcohol usage in the smoking gazebos on campus. He also requested that the senators be cognizant of the vandalism of the gazebos.

He ended on a high note with statistics such as 700 first year students filling out their first year convocation, over 2,000 people out at the pep rally, 1,800 people registering for Parent/Family Day saying that all of these things brings life into Westfield State University.

After Dr. Pickron finished speaking, Susan LaMontagne, Dean of Students, also gave a warm welcoming to all the new members of the SGA and asked all members to be engaged this

year to find a voice for the students.

Finally, Westfield State Junior Dan Powers, a MASSPIRG representative, gave a short presentation.

Powers has recently become an intern for MASSPIRG and is the bottle bill campaign coordinator. He invited all the members of the SGA and the campus community to their day of action on Oct. 5 to gain petitions and meet an array of new people. Powers closed saying its exciting to be on this and is glad he got involved.

The president's first action of the evening was motioning the approval of the hall and class elections of the 2013-2014 academic year, which passed unanimously. The second motion was approving the advisers Barbara Hand, Mike Foyle, and Mike Mazieka, which also passed unanimously. Andrew Dalesandro is an advisor but was not present

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Broaden your horizons by taking advantage of international programs!

Kylie Isenberg
Voice Reporter

Studying abroad refers to attending college in a different location other than your home school. There are many different programs offered here at Westfield State that students should take advantage of.

There are four types of programs: exchange, direct enrollment, third party, and national student exchange. Many students think that studying abroad is hard, or expensive. While it can be expensive if you decide to do the third party program option since you have to pay the room and board cost at the school you are attend-

ing abroad, other programs are more affordable.

Exchange is when Westfield sends students to a certain school. The choices for that are Krosno College in Poland, IT Sligo in Ireland, and a few colleges in China.

Direct enrollment is very affordable, the schools are either cheaper or the same price as Westfield per semester. Edge Hill University is in Ormskirk, England, Dublin School of Business is in Dublin, Ireland and Florence School of the Arts (FUA) is in Italy.

Edge Hill costs \$10,500 a semester, Dublin School of Business costs \$9,900, and FUA costs \$10,600 per

semester. This price per semester includes room, board, tuition, fees, meal plans and excursions. Westfield State is about \$10,550 per semester.

Third party programs refer to traveling to any country or continent outside of the United States. This program tends to be more expensive though since the student has to pay their room and board price, which tends to range from \$10,000-\$25,000 a semester.

Westfield State has a program with over 800 colleges across the country. Students have wide range of options for places they want to travel through the study

abroad program. Students feel that it is fantastic how our school offers so many options to satisfy every student's request throughout their college years.

Lastly, there is a National Student Exchange program which means that students pay all of Westfield's prices for room, board tuition, and fees; the only thing extra thing needed is spending money.

Studying abroad is a great way for students to get a chance to explore the world. When graduating from college most kids will walk out with a lot of student's loans to pay back. The last thing they can worry about is traveling

and exploring the world. That is why it is a great idea to take advantage of that in college.

It exposes students to different cultures such as languages and food, and allows them to be fully independent. Most college students are independent, but will seldom call their parents. When in another country it isn't easy to call up your parents to talk.

Using the phone costs a lot more money when abroad. Since all the costs are so cheap for studying abroad, more students should try it out whether it is for a summer course, one semester or even a full year.

Junior Andre Reardon arrested in Conn. on police impersonation and other charges

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Westfield State junior Aerin Reardon, who is otherwise known to students as Aerin Andre, was arrested two weeks ago by Connecticut State Police in Somers, Conn. on charges of kidnapping, impersonating a police officer, and fourth degree sexual assault.

According to several press reports, Reardon, who is twenty-one years old, had contacted the exotic dancer victim and her husband through an ad that was placed on Craigslist.

Reardon met her in Somers where he alleg-

edly kidnapped the woman from her residence.

The victim said she was forcefully removed from the house and taken to an empty parking lot in Enfield, Conn. where she was threatened with arrest if she did not cooperate with his requests.

The victim's husband placed a call to the state police once Reardon had left with the victim.

When the police arrived on scene, they proceeded to take a statement from the husband; meanwhile, Reardon returned with the victim.

He was promptly arrested.

He was arraigned at Rockville Superior Court

the following day.

Reardon was a resident assistant and a student ambassador as late as last spring until he was let go from both jobs for reasons unknown, at least officially.

Westfield State University had issued a statement regarding the situation. The statement reads as follows: "An alleged assault on any individual either on- or off-campus, under any circumstances, is untenable and will not be tolerated. Per our student conduct handbook, an off-campus criminal violation, regardless of any court status, will subject the alleged violator to the Student Conduct Board's

disciplinary jurisdiction if the university president/designee at his discretion determines the alleged violator constitutes a danger to persons or property on or off campus, or has engaged in off-campus conduct that affects the welfare of the campus community."

"I was shocked that a student would get it in his head to perform this action, and I'm curious as to see how this will play out," said an anonymous first-year when asked his reaction to this situation.

A female student, who wished to remain anonymous, said that when she first heard about this story, she was scared and looked Reardon up to see if she

recognized him or if she had been in a class with him in the past.

She also commented on rumors that he was walking around campus.

"Rumors that he could be on campus are rather scary," she said.

Another anonymous female student, who is a commuter, agreed saying that "it makes me nervous walking to my car from the library."

The members of the Student Conduct Board have not yet been announced by the Student Government Association (as of press time), but it can be expected that this will be a hot-button case for their review.

Opinions & Editorials

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Quasi-House Speaker delivers a 21-hour long "filabuster-but-not-really-filabuster"



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Senator Ted Cruz (above) has been a prominent figure in the news. Some House Republicans are seriously considering Sen. Cruz for the position of Speaker of the House. Cruz himself has also indicated his interest in being a presidential candidate for the 2016 elections.

Race Rugh Op-Ed Editor

Rafael Edward Cruz, known simply as Ted, the loquacious quasi-filibustering, immigrant-condemning son of an immigrant has been in the spotlight this past week.

Beginning on Sept. 24, Senator Cruz commenced what would turn out to be a twenty-one hour attempt

to filibuster the Senate. Despite Cruz's efforts by way of anecdotes and storytelling, those of real importance were trying to work our government away from a shutdown.

Mr. Ted Cruz, elected in the 2012 election, is a far right-wing Republican Senator from Texas (if for some reason you weren't aware).

According to his website, Cruz's father was born

in Cuba, and immigrated to Texas in 1957. Apparently at some point between being born and now, Cruz decided he wasn't going to support the immigration of people to America.

Absolutely disregarding his father's hero-like liberation to America, Cruz has publicly opposed allowing immigrants a path to citizenship. It's truthfully a bit ironic -- if Senator Cruz

had his way back in 1957, his father would have been kicked back to the Cuban curbs.

Of course if he doesn't value how he came to be, one cannot speculate on that.

Cruz is what you might call a prototypical right-winger, opposing marriage equality and Obamacare while defending the second amendment and stricter immigration laws.

He has created quite a name for himself during his first nine months as a Senator, but nothing has brought him to the forefront of political media more than this recently attempted obstruction of Congress.

According to Cruz, the entire point of this hare-brained quasi-filibuster was to speak out for the Texans and the Americans in opposition to Obamacare. (As if Texans are separate from Americans?)

His exact words were this: "A great many Texans, a great many Americans feel they don't have a voice. I hope to play some very small part in helping provide that voice for them... I intend to speak in support of defunding Obamacare, until I am no longer able to stand."

Well, based on the fact that Obamacare, also

known as the Affordable Care Act, went into effect this past Tuesday, and Mr. Cruz is still standing (but not in the heroic sense of the term).

To take a stand for something while claiming the voice of millions and do so successfully is one thing; to take that stand and completely embarrass yourself is another.

Ted Cruz is a potential 2016 presidential candidate who stood in front of Congress for twenty-one wasteful hours reciting children's books, telling anecdotes, and making false promises.

He was there only to support the defunding of a law that would give people in need of health insurance the proper coverage.

I can only hope the people of this country realize just how much of a failure this was, and think seriously about how much we support this man in the future.

I can respect a serious attempt at voicing ones opinions and beliefs. We witnessed a man produce futile, self-humiliating attempts at letting his voice be heard, and this I do believe, cannot be respected.

Race Rugh is a sophomore liberal studies major and the opinions and editorials editor for The Westfield Voice.

The Conservative View: What the heck? What about us? Isn't this the people's government?

Matt Carlin
Voice Columnist

Previously this week I had written an article and I was ready to publish it until the government decided to have a slapping fight that, like always, hurt the public in the end.

Our Federal Government decided it would be a good idea to wait and argue over our nation's budget with less than a week before a possible government shutdown (1 October).

Now the week is up and what do you know, the government shutdown. Last week you may remember me writing about the SNAP bill and the reduced budget the House proposed and passed.

However, the Senate

drew up party lines and voted against the bill thus creating a 'volleyball effect' with the budget going back and forth in Congress.

This effect thus pushed our elected leaders to the very end of the deadline discussing the bill rather than figuring out a way to prevent a government shutdown.

The President told the Republican Party "to act responsibly" when the last Senate vote put their bill back in their laps; however neither the Senate nor Obama provided any alternative for the House.

As of now we are in a colossal variation of the "Blame Game," and it is only right that we The People of the United States be nothing but dissatisfied with our government. How dare they allow political bickering to jeopardize our

nation's economy, people, and credibility in the international eye? This after we spent the last few weeks flirting with the idea of bombing Syria and possibly causing a third World War; after we have spent years trying to spread the idea that democracy is what is best for the world, yet here we are with a democratic government that can't even maintain itself!

Congress has disgraced itself yet again with this infraction against the people. I hope this blunder will be the last straw for voters who have a chance to allow fresh blood to replace the aging members of Congress.

I try not to overreact when talking about the current shutdown, and who knows maybe by the time this paper goes to print our leaders will have fixed their

mistake.

Regardless, here is what I have a major issue with: over 800,000 federal employees are furloughed while they watch their employers shut the buildings down. However, it should not be assumed that those affected immediately just sat around, ninety World War II Veterans and lawmakers made it passed the barricades in front of the blocked off World War II memorial.

Others weren't so lucky, such as people trying to go into the Statue of Liberty since it is federally maintained, they were not allowed in.

Those who wanted information or services from government webpages, such as the census website or even data.gov were given this for their answers: "Due to the lapse in federal gov-

ernment funding, this website is not available. We sincerely regret this inconvenience." It is sad that certain parts of our government would be so low as to prevent the already posted information from being on its websites.

I don't want to seem like a ranting antigovernment anarchist, because I have nothing but respect and pride in our country and its leaders.

However, through this article I must state the disdain I have built up due to the poor judgment our leaders have made. (I would like to refer all those interested in the Huffington Post to the article, "Congressmen Booze as Government Shutdown Looms".)

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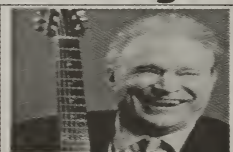
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From the Editor's Desk

This week, I thought that I could take a little break from writing about the current predicament that finds Dr. Evan Dobbelle's attention, and increasingly, everyone else's attention – but it turns out that I was wrong.

Let me begin this editorial by objectively assessing the current situation.

The Board of Trustees and Dobbelle were reprimanded by the Commissioner of the Department of Higher Education and other Boston officials at their Sept. 20 meeting.

This led the Board of Trustees to look into their options in regard to their handling of this situation just as this has led the Commissioner to demand answers from Dobbelle.

Tough talk has followed, such as the Commissioner's warning that if the president doesn't answer his questions, he will be forced to take action. What action he'll be taking is beyond me.

Then, Dobbelle hired Ross Garber, the lawyer who helped former Connecticut governor John Rowland during his impeachment trial, along with a public relations firm for consultation on dealing with this entire mess.

Dobbelle has now decided to use the Commonwealth's whistleblower regulations to protect himself from the Board of Trustees. This decision renders Jack Flynn, the chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Elizabeth Schiebel, the Board Vice-Chair, essentially powerless.

The PR consultant from the prestigious Boston-based firm Regan Communications Group has accused Chairman Flynn, who is also the highest civilian administrator of the Massachusetts State Police, of turning Westfield State University into a "diploma mill" for state police officers.

This led Chairman Flynn to come back saying that this accusation is "surpris[ing] and disappoint[ing]."

He told Springfield newspaper *The Republican*, "I'm not making this stuff up—these are findings and we have to be responsible and accountable...It's that simple."

Even the chairman of the Westfield State University Foundation, Inc. is getting involved.

Edward Marth, who was speaking on his own behalf and not the behalf of the Foundation, told the same newspaper that Dobbelle should resign.

The whole predicament has made front-page newspaper headlines on a very regular basis and it does not show signs of going away.

Currently, the Board of Trustees is working on a plan that would create a special meeting so that they can wade through some of this mess. The Board needs six votes to create this meeting.

There is no official word yet as to whether Student Trustee Stone Koury, a senior criminal justice major, is one of these trustees.

Now let me offer my prediction of what I think will happen.

I do believe that the Board has enough votes to move the meeting up. They will hold the meeting and chat about the news reports, the inspector general's report, and all of the other business surrounding this.

There is now a greater groundswell of demands for Dobbelle's resignation today than when my first issue as editor came out with my praising editorial.

Thus, there will be some talk about how Dobbelle should resign and there will be some digging in by him as he genuinely feels as if he has done nothing wrong in this whole thing.

He'll feel that he self-reported all of these extraneous expenses and the new tightened policies are evidence that real change has happened at Westfield State.

He'll feel betrayed by Flynn and the rest of the Board of Trustees because they will have now created a special meeting due to all of the pressure surrounding this.

And he'll feel like everyone is against him and this whole ordeal was created out of politics.

This mess truly is him versus everyone else. It is like David versus Goliath. Dewey versus Truman. The Allied powers versus the Axis powers.

In conversations I've had with

Dobbelle, he has repeatedly said that he is looking to move past this whole ordeal and get back to the good business of the university.

He has said that he doesn't too much dwell on the past.

He has said that he keenly focused on the future.

Newspaper reports substantiate these remarks. In an interview with *The Republican*, he said, "I'm never about yesterday, I'm always about tomorrow."

When we read remarks such as the ones the PR firm are making or newspaper headlines slamming Dobbelle for complacency during this entire ordeal, we get incensed because we feel like this getting ridiculous and overblown.

But we fail to realize that Dobbelle truly feels that this is a large-scale attack on his reputation and long resume of being, in his words, a "change agent."

He believes all of this with good reason.

At the University of Hawaii, he was removed from office by an entirely different Board of Regents than the ones that put him there. Political parties changed in the Governor's office, and he was replaced by governor appointed regents who had sour tastes in their mouths.

And for what? An article attributed to the Associated Press posits that it was because he supported that governor's opponent in the previous gubernatorial election.

The new Regents were also unhappy with all of the spending he had done to improve the University of Hawaii system, but I bet you if you went up to any of the students that attend any of those schools now, they'd be very happy with the way things are.

Come on, people. It was politics in Hawaii, and it's politics now in Massachusetts.

Let's discuss the facts, create a plan to fix any indiscretions, and move on.

The progress that has been made at this university over the last five years or so is now being derailed because politicians in Boston cannot keep their hands out of the cookie jar.

There are plenty of other things the Department of Higher Education can be meddling in; our university and its administration shouldn't be any of them.

On a personal note

I was very excited when I wrote the pivotal line in last week's editorial.

"I don't think *The New York Times* would sell *The Boston Globe* if it wasn't selling newspapers and making a profit."

I was so proud of my zinger, I didn't even see the logical fallacy that lied within it until I saw it in black and white on paper.

It should have said, "...if it was selling newspapers..." but unfortunately I typed "wasn't."

I fixed this error in the online edition of *The Westfield Voice*, so since I would think *The Boston Globe* wouldn't receive a print copy of the paper, I think I'm in the clear.

As far as the newspaper itself is going, I am very happy with how things are going.

My editorial and writing staff is very dedicated and focused on this newspaper and its future.

I am so happy to hear the compliments that people have been giving us although it is important to remember that we're not in the winner's circle.

We can't take our victory lap. The work isn't over yet.

We will continue to focus on the news that is happening on campus, good or bad, and will always remain objective.

The editorial staff came up with the statement on page three on our continued pledge to objectivity with careful consideration to the current events on campus.

In the future weeks, more things will come out that will require our attention, and will be objective. I promise.



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Gentlemen's Weekly: Taking care of those pesky stains on your garments

Josh Minardi
Voice Columnist

What do mouthwatering, sauce-covered ribs have in common with that leaky pen you left in your shirt pocket during the big meeting? That's right, the inevitable staining that will be caused.

Since man first started wearing clothing, we have been constantly fighting the battle of stained clothes.

Many a garment have been thrown away due to that unappealing tomato sauce stain, or the red wine that you spilt on yourself last Christmas.

Well no more will these irritating inconveniences be irritating, or inconvenient. In this issue of "Gentlemen's Weekly," I will teach you how to effectively fight back against these stains.

The key to preventing the loss of cherished clothing is to be equipped

with the know-how to tackle those stains as soon as they appear.

The most important step is to prevent the stain from setting. Setting is an informal term that refers to the staining material forming a bond with the fabric. It is imperative to prevent this because, while a set stain can still be removed, it always will cause damage to the fabric. To prevent setting, there are three easy steps to follow.

First, treat any stain with water; second, avoid direct heat; third, avoid pressure. (Dab solvents, allowing them to soak into the fabric.)

Sometimes, these three simple steps will not suffice. In this case, the wearer of the garment must resort to different solvents, depending on the fabric.

Obviously, there are many types of fabric that are woven into clothing.

However, in our modernized world, we commonly wear these four primary

fabrics: cotton, wool, synthetics, and silk.

The steps for these are the same, however there are some major differences that need to be addressed.

Cotton is a very durable fabric and can endure soaking, drying, and heat (use warm water only). Use chlorine bleaches sparingly and as a last resort.

The best treatments to use on cotton are detergents and light acids (lemon juice, vinegars, etc.).

Wool is much more heat sensitive and needs to be treated gently. You can still soak it, but you must lay it flat as it dries to prevent distortion. Bleaches and acids will damage the wool permanently.

Treat with water (or a wool detergent when available) as soon as possible and get the garment to a dry cleaner at first chance.

Synthetics can vary, depending on the material (rayon and polyester being the most common). They can be scrubbed more

harshly than cotton, but using oxidizing bleaches like hydrogen peroxide will destroy these fabrics. The best way to clean them is simple, standard laundry detergents (or when the stain is grease-heavy, dish-soap).

Silk is immensely temperamental. You can treat stains with water but rather than letting the wet spot dry on its own, rinse the garment thoroughly to prevent water spots (which can be more damaging than the original stain). Glycerin stain remover is also highly effective.

Finally, while you can have the best possible stain remover in your possession, it is useless if you do not know the proper steps to use it. Luckily, the steps are simple.

First, you must soak the stain immediately with water while you are still wearing it. Second, remove the garment, rewet the stain, and apply an absorbent. I have always found

that the best absorbent is cornstarch, but I have heard of people using salt or talcum powder. Let this sit for 10-15 minutes, and then remove (you can rinse it out with water if necessary). Third, apply your solvent to the back of the garment (underneath the stain), letting it soak through and bring the stain to the top of the fabric. Fourth, lay the garment, stain down, on a clean paper towel and let it rest for about one hour. Finally, give the garment a water rinse to remove both the stain and the solvent.

If you follow these simple steps, you will be fighting the most tenacious stains in no-time.

Josh Minardi is a sophomore environmental science major, a writer for The Art of Manliness, president of the Westfield State Republican Club and a columnist for The Westfield Voice.

The Liberal View: Shutdown affects ordinary Americans

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

This past Tuesday at midnight, the Federal government shut down because the members of Congress could not reach an agreement on a compromise budget. This is the first time this has happened in 17 years. What this means is that Federal employees are out of work until both sides of the government can reach an agreement. Many of these furloughed

Federal employees have received "everything from free burgers, sandwiches and cups of coffee to admission to private museums, pilates lessons and activities at community centers," according to an ABC affiliate.

The shutdown is detrimental to everyone because those employed through the Federal government offer services that affect the entire country. These services include environmental protection, food safety, work-

place safety, and disease prevention.

The government shutdown is forcing Congress to make a hurried decision. In the meantime, Americans are left only to hope that they can do so before the issue is severely escalated.

As the health care issue stands, the nation would benefit from universal health care. If provided, people in the nation would not have to choose between buying new clothes or school supplies for their children

because they know health care is cheap. Situations similar to this are common in our country; many have had to make difficult financial choices in choosing between their health care and other necessities.

Many of the most successful countries of the world have provided health care and the people are able to give back into their financial systems without having to worry about medical expenses. These countries are more environmentally con-

sious, economical, and healthier as a whole.

Clearly the bill may need work in order to reach the needs of more people, but federally supported universal health care is a must-have for continuing progress and reform in the country.

Both political parties are extremely divided in their approaches on how to reform the health care bill. We must realize what

see HAYDEN on page 18

From 'The Voice' Vault

Pilecki Resigns

Official announcement released today

This article was published in the March 11, 1986 issue of The Westfield State Owl.

President Francis J. Pilecki officially announced his resignation today in a letter to the campus.

In the letter addressed to college faculty, staff, administrators and students, Pilecki said he is resigning because he has accepted a position at another institution.

His letter confirmed reports that appeared in area newspapers last week.

Pilecki wrote in the letter, "I am writing to inform you that, because I have accepted a position at another institution, I have submitted my letter of resignation as President of this college to the board of trustees."

The trustees will meet tonight to act on Pilecki's resignation.

Pilecki wrote he is proud of the tremendous developments at the college during the past seven years, but is sad to leave the people who have helped him make this a great college.

"You have given your support and your advice; you have given me your belief and encouragement," said the letter. "Please know that I will always savor with joy the wonderful memories of our years together."

Pilecki also expressed sadness at leaving. "I must confess sadness at the thought of leaving so many wonderful people, staff and students alike, people who have joined me so willingly to make this a great college."

He said the progress of the last

seven years has not resulted without a small degree of conflict and disagreement, and he extends his hand in friendship to those who found themselves unable to support [him] and the efforts of [his] administration.

In closing, Pilecki said "there will be time in the next few months for me to express my personal gratitude to you all." He said his seven years at WSC have been the best of his career.

Pilecki also sent a letter to the chair of the board of trustees, Dr. Charles Hapcook, expressing his gratitude to the trustees.

"Your loyalty and dedication, your belief and trust, have given me the strength and courage to take those steps necessary in the ongoing quest for quality."

Pilecki's resignation request

comes six weeks after he was granted a sabbatical leave of absence to work on a plan that offers homeless young people the chance to afford college.

He also went on sabbatical for personal reasons, according to a letter sent to the campus in January.

Pilecki first came to WSC seven years ago, leaving the position of Vice President at Fitchburg State College.

Since his arrival, he has been responsible for many improvements at WSC, including raising the minimum Scholastic Aptitude Test scores for admissions, the building of the Astro-Turf complex, and formation of the computer science department.

The higher SAT requirement has led to an annual increase in the number of applicants.

Senate President to leave WSC

This article was published in the October 19, 1987 issue of The Westfield State Owl.

Mary Stone
Owl Contributor

Rich Leydet, president of the Student Senate, has announced that he has resigned from his post in the Senate and is withdrawing from Westfield State College.

In remarks made at the Senate's Tuesday meeting, Leydet said he has plans to begin employment with the Massachusetts State Police, and must "unfortunately, leave the college immediately."

Vice president Norman Smith will be becoming acting president effective immediately.

Don Humason, Commuter Council president, was nominated and appointed temporary vice president of student life, to fill Smith's vacancy.

Leydet said he hopes to return to WSC next fall as a part time student because he "really wants to

get a degree here."

During the hour-long meeting, representatives of WSC's Karate Club requested and were unanimously granted Senate approval of a proposed \$703 budget.

That figure includes new equipment costs and partial funding of instructor's fee, which runs \$1,200 per semester, according to the club's treasurer's report.

Dr. Sarah Light announced at the meeting that an additional \$4 million in funding had been granted toward the cost of the new residential hall, bringing the total received by WSC to \$14 million.

"This new hall will have exercise rooms, a music room, and will be totally state of the art," Light said.

In other business, a member of the Health Committee, at Dean Norman E. Hiersche's request, sought Senate feedback on implementing a non-smoking policy in Scanlon dining commons.

The motion was passed with some debate.

President Leydet suggested the motion be tabled, since the cafeteria

"will only be in use for another year."

"We will only have to get a new policy for the new dining commons," he said.

"We might as well wait and see how the fans and ventilation are in there when it's finished," he added.

Arguments for both sides were presented. Member Joe Medeiros suggested that "a year is too long to wait for a non-smoking policy. A week is too long if you're a non-smoker," he said.

The Commuter Council, represented by Humason, announced plans for a Commuter Council coffee hour to be held in the Bates cafeteria.

All students are invited to meet and chat with council representatives who will meet Oct. 28 from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m.

In other business, the senior class representative described plans for the Oct. 31 Halloween Daze to be held at 9 p.m. in the Campus Center Lounge and the Owl's Nest.

A total of 950 tickets will go on sale Oct. 27 at the Campus Center

box office, at \$2 each. Because of fire codes, only 650 people will be allowed in either the lounge or the Owl's Nest at any one time, according to Senior Class President Katie Thompson.

Under new business, Leydet announced the times of the meetings of the Board of Trustees, which are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Scanlon Living Room.

Leydet urged all members of the Senate to attend, because "important decisions that directly affect the student body are made by these people," he said.

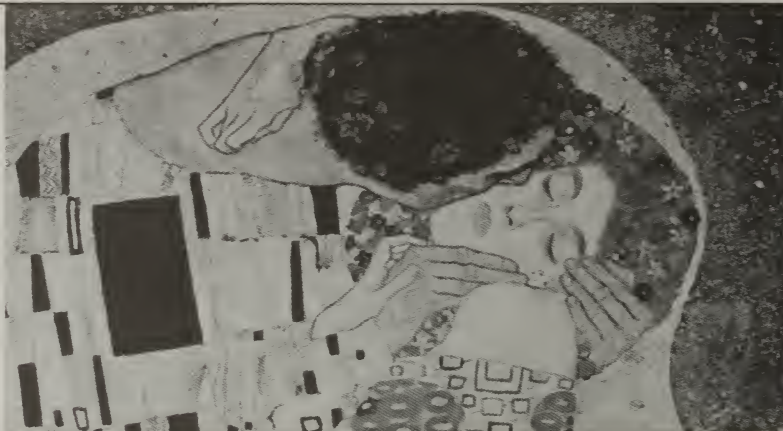
President Buchen, who attended the Senate, spoke after Leydet, and said all students are welcome to attend the meetings.

Buchen also said he had recently attended a meeting in Hyannis in which full conference play for WSC had been reinstated by the NCAA.

Buchen said he was "delighted to be able to report the vote of confidence" to the Student Senate, which was the "first major body on campus to receive the news."

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2. Katy Perry - Roar
3. Lorde - Royals
5. Avicii - Wake Me Up
5. Robin Thicke - Blurred Lines
6. Jay-Z - Holy Grail
7. Drake - Hold On, We're Going Home
8. Lady Gaga - Applause
9. Lana Del Rey - Summertime Sadness
10. Capital Cities - Safe And Sound

Top 5 Albums

1. From Here To Now To You - Jack Johnson
2. Off The Beaten Path - Justin Moore
3. A.M. - Chris Young
4. MMG: Self Made 3 - Various Artists
5. True - Avicii

Top 5 Movies

1. Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2
2. Prisoners
3. Rush
4. Baggage Claim
5. Don Jon

Upcoming DVDs

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Sets in the City: Jolie Holland will help to awaken music from its long hibernation



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Jolie Holland is an artists who will help to bring music back to what it used to be. Her music is meaningful and emotional.

Rachael Lentz
Voice Reporter

At the risk of sounding like your ancient great aunt and all of your grandparents combined: music just ain't what it used to be. However, to set myself apart from the cynics, I can't go so far as to say that music is dead. It's simply just hiding.

It's high time that someone resurrected the soul that was the driving force behind Billie Holiday, Etta James, and, hell, even the more relatively recent beautiful bluesy sound of Janis Joplin that could pierce even the hardest of hearts. This is where the soulful American singer Jolie Holland comes in.

vast range of vocals and a unique way of performing them. She sets herself far from the modern day expectation that if you're going to make music, it had better make money.

Listen to just one song by Holland and you'll be able to tell that she isn't about making money, she's about making emotions. Sometimes slurring her words together or simply turning her words into soft melodic hums, Holland isn't just singing her lyrics, she's expressing the story behind them.

Her discography of studio albums includes Escondida (2004), Springtime Can Kill You (2006), The Living and the Dead (2008), and most recently Pint of Blood (2011). For bigger fans, Holland also has two live albums: Jolie Holland and The Quiet Orchestra (2002), and Catalpa (2003). She was one of the founding members of The Be Good Tonys, though she's been in and out of countless bands experimenting creatively until landing on her current solo career.

If you type in "Jolie Holland" on Google, you'll find that she has a Wikipedia page dedicated to her, amongst countless reviews, a New York Times article, a 2005 interview on NPR's "All Things Considered", an artist's page on MTV.com, numerous fan pages, and innumerable photos. Tom

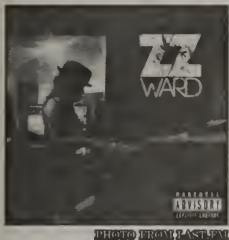
Waits and Sage Francis are both fans of Holland—in 2005 Francis dubbed Escondida as his most listened to album.

So, why haven't you heard of her? Well, the songstress isn't about money or fame. The fiery red head is all about experience. With 20,000 fans on her Facebook page and an extremely strong fan base, clearly she's doing something right though her success is mostly "accidental." The sultry singer combines elements of folk, rock, jazz, and good ol' fashioned blues, which is arguably most prominent in her single Good Ol' Fashioned Morphine. Music is not what she chose to do, she was meant to do it. Holland doesn't necessarily need to make herself known, her music does that for her.

It would appear that music isn't her only talent. Holland also has a knack for bringing the beauty within pain to life, her classic voice is like a million daggers headed straight for the emotions I simply do not want to face. She opens the vault to that deep, dark place within myself that holds every heartbreak, every doubt, every feeling of loneliness, isolation, regret, and fear that I've kept locked up like Fort Knox.

But unlike other deep-see LENTZ on page 18

Lyndon's reviews: Seitz says make your own decisions



Lyndon Seitz A&E Editor

Alec Berlin: Innocent Explanations – This is rock music with some country influences in it. I get the impression that the lighthearted lyrics and music make it so the album is trying to be playful or fun, but instead a lot here falls flat, and the album is at times annoying to listen to. The lyrics at times are almost grating to the ears, and the vocals are average

at best. About halfway into the album, I just wanted it to be over. When I finished the album, I wanted it to be half the album ago.

Allecia Clemens: Working Shift Joan – When the first line of the first song on the album is “credit cards are evil,” you know it is going to be a rather heavy handed album. It didn’t let up, the entire album being complaints about financial concerns from someone who is “working class.” It’s nice the first few times, and

then it gets repetitive and angering. The music is fine country influenced singer-songwriter fare, and the vocals are wonderful, but it doesn’t make up for the elephant sized empty wallet in the room. It’s not worth it.

Amanda Mair: Manda Mair – Female vocal pop that is by far a greater quality than what I normally have to endure. There are touches everywhere that tell me that this album was made with a higher goal in mind, there is not a single song on this album that I

did not enjoy, and it’s hard to pick favorites (the first track on the album will serve as a nice sample, though). The vocals match up well with the excellent production quality on this album (not something I normally mention, but it really stands out here. This would certainly be worth it for most listeners.

American Beauties: Too Worn to Mend – This is pretty standing indie rock fare, which the same progressions, the same tempo, and the same types of lyrics one would expect from an indie rock album. I really don’t have too much to comment on other than its sheer mediocrity. I suppose if you enjoy mediocrity you’ll enjoy this album. The male vocals with the standard instrument arrangement don’t stand out, and none of the tracks are memorable. It is ok to relax to, but I wouldn’t expect your

world to change because of it.

ZZ Ward: Criminal – From the first track of this four track EP I knew I was going to enjoy what I was going to hear. Some very soulful music accompanies some fantastic hooks that kept my foot tapping. There are hints of Adele I could hear, and I was worried that it would be an Adele clone. If it is though, it is a very good one, and I feel that it’s diverse enough (a few southern tinges get through, and they add the blues). I’m looking forward to hearing more out of her. Her single “Put the Gun Down” stands out, but it’s all great stuff.

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Elton John uses inspriation from his old music in order to move forward and create new masterpieces

J.R. Nieb

Voice Contributor

On Sept. 24, Elton John, a famous singer and pianist, released his 31st studio album, *The Diving Board*. Also his 30th solo album, *The Diving Board* reached #3 on the United Kingdom Album Chart.

“I have to go back and listen to my old stuff to go forward again,” said John. “It’s a different era now,” said John. “I know I’m not gonna get played on the radio.”

John said that he’s not interested in the past, and that he is simply “watchin’ out about the future.” *The Diving Board*, in John’s opinion, is his most adult record. Elton said that the only person he knew of who could produce this album was T-Bone Burnett, be-

cause “he knows everything about American music by love,” according to John. In fact, it was Burnett’s idea to go back to basics and make the record very much piano-oriented.

Several different newspapers and magazines have had very positive reviews regarding John’s most recent work:

Rolling Stone Magazine gave *The Diving Board* four stars.

“Elton’s best album in a decade,” said *News Weekly* about *The Diving Board*.

“The fascinating thing about *The Diving Board* is that it reflects back to the qualities of his earliest recordings,” said Ben Coleman, a 2012 alumni from Westfield State University.

Coleman said *The Diving Board* manages break

new ground, which he says is quite an achievement for an artist in his sixth decade.

“It has the brilliance that makes Elton John and Bernie Taupin’s song writing a huge success,” said Coleman. “But more incredibly, ‘*The Diving Board*’ touches on musical styles that are not often present in a single album.”

“Taupin’s lyrics suggest themes of going home, nostalgia and regret,” said Coleman. In addition, Coleman said that people are enthralled by Elton’s adventuring through gospel, soul and pop-rock song styles.

“Within the context of *The Diving Board*, ‘Home Again’ is the album’s anchor,” said Coleman. “The moving lyrics reflect Elton John and Bernie Taupin’s maturity as songwriters,”

Coleman added. “While the tune is by far the most melodic piece on the album.”

Coleman said that “*The Diving Board* certainly reflects qualities of his earlier work.” He said that the songs are simple, yet complex in nature.

“Serious Elton fans will know the shift in song writing from musical tone poems on *Tumbleweed Connection* and *Madman Across the Water* to a catchier sound on *Honky Chateau* and *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road*,” said Coleman. “The songs on *The Diving Board*, however, reflect a simpler time before Elton became a hit-making machine.”

“While many pop music fans enjoy a catchy tune and magical hook, *The Diving Board* slightly lacks the melodic qualities of some of Elton’s super hits,” said

Coleman. “But the album expects the listener to spend the time necessary to fully realize its pleasures. Of course, *The Diving Board* doesn’t contradict pop,” said Coleman. “Elton retained his melodic terseness and his feel for the hook.”

“Not much can be changed about a masterpiece of an album that truly reflects the sophistication and elegance that is Elton John and Bernie Taupin’s song writing,” said Coleman. “But within the realm of pop music, often times simplicity is the key to success. Many of the catchiest tunes on the radio are comprised of no more than a handful of cords with a simplistic arrangement of lyrics,” said Coleman. “And that’s okay with me.” Cole

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Westfield men's soccer falls 2-1 to Bridgewater on final minute goal



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Westfield sophomore Zack Horn battles for ball possession with Bridgewater's Kolin Campbell. The loss is Westfield's sixth straight, after a quick 2-1 start early on in the 2013 season. Their next home game is against Salem State in a MASCAC game on October 12th.

Matt Stover
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State men's soccer team lost on the road Sept. 28, at Swenson Field as the Bridgewater State Bears scored the game-winning goal

with a minute left on the clock, 2-1.

Senior Dan Brady opened the scoring for the Owls, his first this season, in the 30th minute after receiving a long through ball.

Brady ripped a cord into the middle of the net to take

the 1-0 lead.

Junior defender Jack Fisher whose restart through was misplayed by a Bridgewater defender assisted the goal.

Bridgewater senior David Wilson noted things up in the 52nd minute with his first goal of the season on a different attempt set up by junior midfielder Josh Goehring.

Senior forward Colin Neri scored the game-winning goal with just one minute to play to take the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) win.

However, the Bears dominated the game past that point. Bridgewater was efficient offensively, out shooting Westfield, 15-5.

Bridgewater also controlled the tempo offensively with a 6-0 advantage on corner kicks.

Westfield goalie, Kris Karington made four saves on

the day, as Bridgewater was relentless in their pursuit of a goal.

In upcoming games, the UMass Boston Deacons will play host to Bridgewater this Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

The Owls look to improve on their 2-7 record thus far as they travel to Mass. Maritime on Friday at 6 p.m. for another MASCAC game with the Buccaneers.

The season looked promising with a 2-1 record in their first three games, but have since lost six straight.

The team needs to find a groove and gain some confidence back in order to turn around their season.

Westfield will need to heat up quickly as they have six of their remaining eight games within the MASCAC if they want to have a chance of salvaging their season in 2013.

Women's Rugby loses 36-6 to the Smith College Pioneers

Lydia Grossi
Voice Intern

This year, Westfield State University's girls' rugby team has invited about twenty new girls into their huddle of intertwined arms. Since rugby is a rugged, contact sport, it might be scary for a newcomer to join the team.

Both captains, Renee Castelli and Shannon Garnett, teach the beginning girls new drills, as well as pushing to help newcomers develop muscle memory. Overcoming

the fear of getting hurt on the field can be a challenge for some of these newbies:

"We throw them in the game and watch them ride" said junior captain Shannon Garnett.

Some girls are not used to the vigorous practices as well as the bruises that come along with the sport. To encourage the girls and further their strength, there exists a motto: "Kiakaha" meaning "forever strong," is a huge inspiration for these girls. Another motto, "trample the weak, hurdle the dead" may

be a bit intimidating for some of these inexperienced girls, but adds to the sense of toughness that the new girls need to develop.

"It is a different experience than any other sport I've played before. I love having new friends that are helpful," said Melissa Adams, a freshman beginner.

Starting out in a sport may be nerve-wracking and a lot to take in. However, many of the older girls welcome anyone who is interested to play. Some athletes who are familiar with the sport may get frus-

trated with new-coming players, however, that is not the case with Westfield State's rugby girls.

"We have all been there before, even my first game was atrocious," said Garnett. The Lady Owls of rugby open their earth stained arms with love and consider anyone new, family.

The love that these girls have for this sport is indescribable. Saturday's game, both experienced and newcomers came together as one on our home field to play against Smith College.

Plymouth State runs by Westfield women's field hockey, 7-4

Ryan Sances

Voice Reporter

Westfield State women's field hockey fell to Plymouth State 7-4 in a Little East Conference matchup on Saturday.

A tie game at the half, Plymouth State pulled away in the second half after taking the lead on a penalty goal outscoring Westfield 3-0 in the half.

The Owls fell behind early in the contest when Plymouth State scored 30 seconds into the game.

Minutes later Plymouth State struck again extending the lead to 2-0.

Westfield sophomore Em-

ily Williams knocked home a rebound just past the 10 minute mark to put the owls on the board before Plymouth State responded with another goal pushing the score to 3-1.

Junior Kelly Kenney scored to cut into the lead before freshman Holly Brouillette notched a pair of goals to give the Owls a 4-3 lead late in the first half.

However, a Plymouth State goal in the closing moments of the first half tied the game 4-4 heading into halftime.

Plymouth State outshot Westfield 33-15 in the contest and held a 12-9 advantage in penalty corners.

Freshman goalie Megan Fountaine made 17 saves in a losing effort for the Owls who fall to 4-3 with the loss and 1-2 in Little East Conference play.

The lady owls host Southern Maine Saturday, Oct. 5, in a 3 p.m. game against the Huskies.

The team now sports an even 4-4 record and are looking to finish the final 9 games long.

The seniors on the team want to finish their final season strong and have a memorable exit.

The others players on the team will need to step up to send the seniors off on a good note.



Westfield's Amanda Daly tracks down Plymouth's Masha Lange during the panther's 7-4 win on Saturday

Westfield men's golf wins the Westfield State Invitational by two strokes to edge Rhode Island College

Mickey Curtis

WSU Athletics Dept.

Led by freshman Patrick O'Neil's low medalist round of 73, the Westfield State White Team edged Rhode Island College in the Westfield State University men's golf Invitational on Thursday, Sept. 26, at Tekoa Country Club.

With O'Neil and three other Owls shooting in the 70s, the Westfield White Team shot an aggregate total of 303. RIC, which also had four players shoot in the 70s, finished with a 305 total.

"Our guys stepped it up and played well today," said Westfield coach Rich Sutter. "In my six years as coach this is by far the best score we've had."

O'Neil's fine round of 73 on the par 71, 6,438-yard course was the difference maker for Westfield.

"I felt pretty good coming into today's match," said O'Neil, a graduate of Westford (Mass.) Academy. "The past few days I had been shooting par on the course."

The Westfield senior Canada Connection of Rory Wilkovich and



Westfield's men's golf wins the Westfield State Invitational by two strokes over Rhode Island college shooting a combined 303. The owls were led by freshmen Pat O'Neil with a 73.

Scott Walters shot 76 and 77, respectively. Both hail from Okotoks, Alberta. Carding a key round of 77 was Westfield senior Joe Cooper.

Three RIC players - Partrick Ford, Tim Leigh, Corey Patalano - tied Wilkovich for runner-up medalist honors with 76s. Ryan Butler

shot a 77 for the Anchormen.

Led by junior Brandon Stanowicz's 78, the Westfield Blue Team placed third with a 334 total. Worcester State placed fourth in the seven-team invitational with a 339, followed by MCLA (348), Wentworth (349), and Becker (359).

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, September 26th

M Golf at Westfield State Invite 1st Place
Field Hockey at Elms College W 5-2

Saturday, September 28th

W XC at Elms College Invite 3rd Place
Field Hockey at Plymouth State L 4-7
M Soccer at Bridgewater State L 1-2
W VBall vs Clark University L 1-3
W Soccer vs Bridgewater State L 1-2
W Golf at Middlebury College Invite (no score)

W VBall at Babson College L 0-3

Sunday, September 29th

W Golf at Middlebury College Invite - 7th

Tuesday, October 1st

W Soccer at Trinity College L 1-3
Field Hockey vs Bridgewater State L 0-2

Wednesday, October 2nd

M Golf at Elms College Invite - 7th
W VBall vs Worcester State W 3-1

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Friday, October 4th

M Soccer at Mass. Maritime 6:00 p.m.
M Golf at Rhode Island College Invite
TBD

Saturday, October 5th

W VBall vs Western New England 11:00 a.m.
W Soccer vs Mass. Maritime 12:00 p.m.
W Golf at Williams College Invite 1:00 p.m.
Football at Plymouth State 2:00 p.m.
Field Hockey vs Southern Maine 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 6th

W Golf at Williams College Invite 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 8th

M Soccer at Lasell College 3:30 p.m.
Field Hockey at Fitchburg State 7:00 p.m.

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Rivera defines what it means to be a Yankee

Andrew Burke
Layout Editor

Beginning his Major League Baseball career in May of 1995 as a starting pitcher he showed little promise. Nineteen years later, however, Mariano Rivera, a converted closer, is a first ballot Hall of Famer and the best closing pitcher of all-time.

The most successful pitchers have a variety of pitches mastered in order to keep batters guessing. However, "Mo" had one pitch in his repertoire that was virtually unhittable. A mid-90s cut fastball has been the major factor in his MLB record 652 saves and career 2.21 ERA. He has 42 postseason saves, more than double the total of

anyone else in history and a postseason ERA of 0.70.

Rivera has set records that may stand until the end of time, but the most prevalent aspect of his game and what made him so respected as a person is his class. Opposing teams gave him gifts after the last time he would face them throughout his farewell season this year and all players acknowledge he is one of the greatest players of all-time.

There are only a handful of players throughout the world of sports that are regarded with the same respect as Rivera. Cal Ripken Jr. and Magic Johnson are in the same small group of great players (and even better people) where Rivera will rightfully reside for the rest of his life.

"Enter Sandman" by Metallica was played when Rivera would get the call from the bullpen, which would spell out a death sentence for opposing teams. Going into the late innings, if the Yankees were winning by a few runs, the game was over when he entered.

"He was about as good a security blanket as a manager could ever have," former Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Jackie Robinson's number 42 was officially retired from baseball in 1997, but players still using the number could remain wearing it until their careers came to an end. Bud Selig could not be happier with the fact that Mariano is the final player to wear this number, because he perfectly represents what Jackie Robinson

stood for and how to play the game the right way.

Chants of MA-RI-A-NO in Yankee Stadium will echo for many years to come with the newly constructed plaque in Monument Park, recognizing him as a Yankee legend, along with some of the best players to ever play the game.

"Seeing my ex-teams and the whole stadium packed with a lot of flags and fellow Panamanians, [I felt] a lot of emotions. It was more than what I was thinking," Rivera said to ESPN.

The Yankees are an organization defined by class since the team was established in 1901. Most of the players that define the "Yankee way" and have set the precedent for future players are ghosts to us to-

day. Lou Gehrig, Mickey Mantle, Babe Ruth, and Roger Maris to name a few have set a standard that all Yankee players must live up to and Rivera was one who met those standards.

Watching Andy Pettitte and Derek Jeter make the call to the bullpen, relieving Rivera of his duties in his final game at Yankee Stadium on September 26th, captured his illustriousness in a four minute standing ovation. As Jonah Keri said in an article on Grantland.com,

"If you didn't get goose bumps and a little dust in your eye at that moment, you were either a Red Sox fan who drove four hours the wrong way on I-95, or possibly dead."

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Overthinking It: Mariano Rivera retires as greatest closer, and an even better person

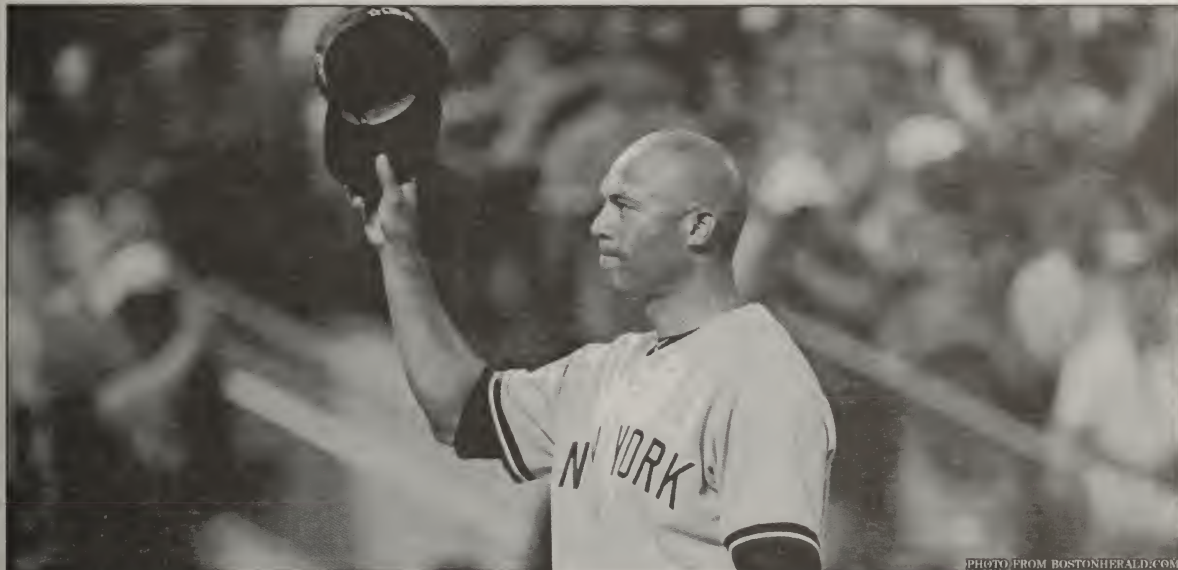


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Mariano Rivera is undoubtedly the greatest closer that the game has ever seen, but the way he carries himself is something people will take away from his time on the hill. He represented baseball the right way and we cannot thank him enough for that.

Joey Cooper Sports Editor

Leading the California Angels in the top frame of the ninth, Joe Torre calls in Panama City native, second-year reliever, Mariano Rivera for the save opportunity up 8-5.

With one out, a grounder to second is relayed to second base by second-year shortstop named Derek Jeter, who turns the 4-6-3 double play.

The 27th out had been recorded as catcher and current Yankee manager Joe Girardi congratulated Rivera on the save, May 17, 1996.

651 saves later, Rivera finds himself atop the list of all-time Yankees and standing alone as baseball's greatest closer.

To truly understand

how impressive Rivera's 19-year career was, 1995 sets the backdrop for comprehension of how long ago his debut came.

In 1995, Major League Baseball (MLB) was making its way back with a 144-game revised schedule, coming off a lockout that came during the 1994 season.

During Mariano's rookie season the Tigers, Brewers and Astros played in different divisions.

The Nationals were still in Montreal, the Angels were called California, and a guy named Albert Belle led the majors in home runs.

In 1997, during a catch with teammate Ramiro Mendoza, Rivera realized his natural fastball veering to the left, which marked the birth of his cut fastball.

Rivera's version of the cutter became a staple of

his approach, striking out batters on a pitch they knew was coming.

Rivera's career began on Feb. 17, 1990 at the age of 20, signing with the Yankees for \$3,000.

In 52 innings of work in the Gulf Coast League, Rivera finished with 0.17 earned run average (ERA), 8.29 strikeout-to-walk ratio (K/BB), 58 strikeouts (SO), along with his .46 walks plus hits divided by innings pitched (WHIP), a realistic blood alcohol level.

Since his promotion to the majors in 1995, number 42 has been a model of consistency.

Rivera has amassed 15 seasons of sub-3.00 fielder independent pitching (FIP), 17 seasons with at least 60 innings pitched (IP), 12 seasons of .220 or below batting average against (AVG), 13 seasons with at least 20% strikeout percentage (K%),

16 seasons with at least 20 or more saves, and nine seasons with 40 or more saves, both MLB records, per Fan Graphs.

The greatest closer in MLB history will leave the game with 652 saves, leading the category by 51 saves, 119 saves coming with more than one inning of work.

Rivera closed out four World Series ('98, '99, '00, '09), while no other pitcher has eclipsed more than two.

He closed out 16 postseason series, only blowing five of his 47 postseason save opportunities against the league's best hitting.

One of Rivera's most impressive feats began amid a fluke pre-game injury on May 3, 2012 when the 42-year old tore his ACL in his right knee.

The closer vowed he would get himself back to

playing, stating that his story wouldn't end by way of a freak injury.

Rivera returned to the Yankees for the entire 2013 season on what would become his farewell tour, hanging up the cleats following one last run at November baseball.

In 64 IP, the 43-year old posted a 2.11 ERA, 1.27 walks per nine innings (BB/9), both below his career average, while finishing in fourth in the MLB in total saves with 44.

Due to a decision made on April 15, 1997 the number 42 will be retired in memory of Jackie Robinson.

Rivera leaves the game with the most saves in MLB history and as the last player to have 42 stitched on his back, officially making the numeral a coveted figure of baseball's history for eternity.

News and Campus

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so he could not be approved as an advisor.

Senator Jennifer McDiarmid, class of 2014 representative, was chosen to become the new Parliamentarian on the executive council. The Parliamentarian's job is to chair the Rules and Regulation Committee. Isaac Matson, nominated by Ryan Losco, and Joshua Clark, nominated by Matson, turned down their nominations. Matson was the parliamentarian last year.

Fote also gathered nominations for the Rules and Regulations Committee. Senator Stone Koury, representing the class of 2014, Richard Darrach, representing the class of 2015, Sara Palis, representing the class of 2016, and Matt Carlin, representing the class of 2017, all won spots on the committee.

She ended her report by saying "[l]et's keep the peace... and keep everyone safe and happy," in reference to Dr. Pickron's speech.

Stone Koury, student trustee, gave his brief report saying that Student Advisory Council had a very productive meeting last Thursday. They will be having their elections sometime in October and will send important messages to the State House in Boston.

He also added that there are no new developments on the investigation of the university's president and foundation. He asks everyone to "keep an open mind and be informed when you can."

Koury reminded everyone the statement the SGA adopted, when asked to comment on the investigation, is there of official stance on the matter. It states, "The Student Government Association, at this time, refrains from commenting on the ongoing investigation involving University Administration. SGA supports the mission of the University and the students we represent."

Rebecca DiVico, vice president of student life, asked for volunteers to participate in the Westfield's Red Cross Blood drive next Oct. 9. She also announced the women's soccer team raised \$234 for the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation in honor of Emilee Gagnon, class of 2013, who passed away on a bicycling ride across the country to help raise awareness to fight Multiple Sclerosis.

Next Thursday, Oct. 10 at 5pm in the Dever Auditorium,

will be a vigil for Emilee. DiVico also added the SGA will donate \$100 to the MS Foundation on the behalf of the student body.

DiVico, who also gave the Student Affairs Committee report said that AlcoholEdu, Alcohol Education Course, could possibly be mandatory for the class of 2018.

Tom Durkee, chairperson of the Food Services Committee, announced that students can go to the New Hall Marketplace and find a comment box to let the store know if you think a particular food item should be able to be purchased.

Senator Joshua Clark asked Durkee asked why students cannot take out food from the Dining Commons. Durkee responded by saying that the food is made for the students within the time at which it is to be served. It is not reusable and there for not good for outside consumption.

Alexis Wagner, chairwoman of the Parking Control Board, announced a decision made concerning parking on the campus. She said that the Dickinson and Lammers Hall lots were to be allowed to be used on a trial basis by students during the weekend.

Steve Kligermen, Vice President of Programming, reported that Brown Bag Bingo, which have been held in the Scanlon Banquet Hall, are doing so well that from now on they will be hosted there instead of the Owls' Nest to provide the room for all the students.

A scavenger hunt will be at 7 p.m. next Thursday starting at the Dunkin' Donuts in the garden level of Ely. The winning team will win a special night out with a gift card to Applebee's.

He also gave the movies for this month on channel 80 and 81; They are Space Jam, Now You See Me, Shawn of the Dead and Zombie Land, Sinister, Silence of the Lambs, Sister Hood of the Traveling Pants, and Silver Linings Playbook.

Wagner, who also serves as executive secretary, reported that 261 first year students voted, which was a great turn out compared to the last few years.

Lastly, Ryan Losco, president of the class of 2016, was asked by Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2015, for information on Losco's "Kids Buzz Off for Cancer."

This charity works with Boston Children's Hospital. Darrach asked, "Since we have new senators, Ryan, who is the charity for?"

Losco replied, "For all of you who don't know; it's for the children."

With the class of 2017 here at the SGA, it couldn't be more interesting to see what these new men and women can do for our beloved university.

Members of the SGA who were absent from opening roll call are Jocelyn Herrera-Lazo and Adam Lamontagne.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be Oct. 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

Opinions & Editorials

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I won't be ultra-conservative and blame "those dirty conniving liberals," but I also won't let them off the hook.

When they passed Obama-Care there was no budget, and the drain it will have on any budget could be overbearing.

My opinion on the subject is that the Affordable Care Act should have a cut in its funding, not going so far as wanting to removing it, but to make it efficient and effective for the budget and the program itself.

I will follow this story myself as it unfolds, and I encourage everyone else to as well. This issue is a major concern for those already in the real world, and more importantly for those who are in the process of getting there.

Matt Carlin is a first-year political science major and the conservative columnist for The Westfield Voice.

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is truly important and become progressive in order to end the shutdown before essential services become unavailable for too long.

The country needs to become more united and focused on each and every individual living here to make the necessary changes and provide them with health care, regardless of their economic situation. Democrat or Republican, a speedy decision needs to be made; the shutdown being prolonged will only continue to hurt the nation.

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pour salt in those wounds.

She heals them. It's as if the words falling out of her mouth are the milk and honey my Nana would put into my tea to soothe me, and I'm drinking every drop. The cure that Holland hands us through her music would put my Nana's tea to shame.

On top of an all, she's approachable. I sat down for an interview with her this past week between her Northampton, Mass. show and her Providence, RI show for what turned out to be a very pleasant hour of my life well spent. If I had to sum her up in one sentence, it would be simple: Jolie Holland is cool. It's evident that she is not someone that she's become, she's exactly who she has always been.

She speaks in an effortlessly airy and comforting tone that made me feel as if I were having a conversation with an old friend rather than an underground celebrity. She was cheery and light even when describing her troubled adolescence. Holland just barely finished high school, and was already living on her own by age 18 when she graduated.

She chose not to go to college. "It wasn't for me," she told me, "for what I knew I already wanted to do, it was a waste of time. I was about 19 when I decided that I didn't care how much money I make in my lifetime, I want my work to mean something after I'm dead. I wanted to be an artist."

In closing, I should also note that Holland is also in the midst of currently writing a non-fiction about spiritual encounters. Apparently, she is both a jack-of-all-trades and evidently a master of all.

If you appreciate music, you will enjoy Jolie Holland. If you are able to feel emotion, you will enjoy Jolie Holland. And the next time your ancient great aunt tells you music just ain't what it used to be, play her some Jolie Holland. Her current album, *Pint of Blood* is in stores now—but for first time listeners, I recommend my personal favorite single by her, "Fox in its Hole." If you're anything like me and have a set of adequately working ears, all it will take is one listen to enthusiastically hop right on the Jolie Holland bandwagon and fall in love with her music.

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man said that it would have been nice if some of those modern melodic tunes were included in the album.

"While a masterpiece on its own, The Diving Board may fall just short of the bulk of Elton's work," said Coleman. "Which put him at one of the top-selling artists of all time."

"The fact that Elton John has produced over 30 solo albums and is still making music at the ripe age of 66 shows that he is not just in it for the fame and fortune," said Coleman.

"Elton has a gift," said Coleman. "But most importantly, a true love for music."

"Elton John is, without a doubt, my favorite artist," said Barrett Tamaren-Leddy, a senior and secondary english education major at Westfield State. "So it always thrills me when I learn he is releasing a new album."

"Unfortunately, most Americans don't have the attention span for albums, they just want hits," said Tamaren-Leddy. "Which is why we don't see many genuine albums released today."

"Well, I loved his and Leon Russell's 2010 collaboration, *The Union*," said Tamaren-Leddy. "It was pretty much the only thing I listened to in my car for a whole year after I bought it and I'm still not sick of it!"

"I think it's safe to say that The Diving Board won't be his last album," said Tamaren-Leddy.

Sports

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Rivera and Jeter are the only Yankees players in recent memory who have matched their greatness on the field while also positively representing the organization that drafted them in the early 90s. Both Jeter and Rivera made their MLB debuts in 1995 and both are regarded as two of the greatest baseball players in the last 20 years.

All baseball fans should look back and reminisce on Rivera's career with his retirement this week and recognize what he has done for the game. He is a perfect role model and someone who has handled all of his success as any Yankee is expected to. Rivera's numbers speak for themselves, but the way he carried himself is a way in which any aspiring baseball players should follow.

Horoscopes

Games & Leisure

Maze

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
Whatever you do, do not go shoe shopping this week. If you do, do not buy the sparkly shoes. You will know what the stars are talking about when you see them (and you shouldn't be seeing them).

Libra
(September 23 - October 22)
There is a sense that your latent psychic abilities will start to manifest themselves in strange ways. You might want to warn your family and friends about thought reading or telekinesis.

Taurus
(April 21 - May 21)
Go with the flow of life and take the path of least resistance when dealing with other people. Any conflicts with them are most likely not worth it, and they'll forget everything soon enough anyway.

Scorpio
(October 23 - November 21)
Much will be done through pointing at stuff. It isn't rude if it's for a purpose, the stars say. Pointing at random people and objects at inappropriate times is the answer.

Gemini
(May 22 - June 21)
The world is a box of chocolates, and you are the chocolate that doesn't make people break into hives. You are in fact the most delicious chocolate in the box.

Sagittarius
(November 22 - December 21)
Regardless of what other sources say, the British are indeed not com- (we're sorry, we may have gotten the timelines mixed up a bit. Our apologies).

Cancer
(June 22 - July 22)
Fight the forces that challenge you in your endeavors. You'll almost certainly not prevail, but you can always come back and become victorious later on in life when you have a better handle of things.

Capricorn
(December 21 - January 20)
Were you there? The stars were there? Will you be there in the future? You need to be there, you absolutely need to be there. Where is there? There is there.

Leo
(July 23 - August 23)
For reasons the forces of nature cannot yet disclose, bear spray might be advised. For bears. Have we mentioned that bears are really scary and uncommon around these parts? Still, where bears are concerned, take caution.

Aquarius
(January 21 - February 19)
This Thursday you will be feeling very quenched. You won't be feeling thirsty in the slightest, and you will want to do something productive and meaningful in your life.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 - March 20)
This week you will be the wire that connects everything together in your life. People will be depending on you for power and stability. Are you plugged in?

Virgo
(August 24 - September 22)
Instead of adding fuel to the fire, instead douse it with liquid nitrogen. Yes, you should go that extreme, and no the stars know nothing of fire safety.

Poll Question: What did you think of this week's edition? a) It's great! b) It's okay c) Horrible d) Whatever

Answer online at westfieldvoice.com

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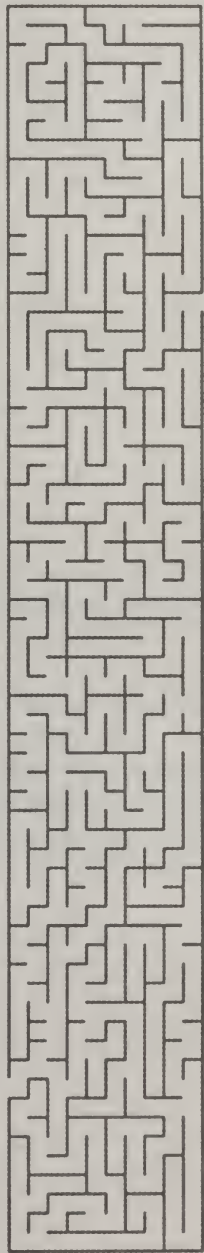
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Dobelle talks to Student Government in first public statement to campus

President Evan S. Dobelle made one of his first on-campus statements at Tuesday's SGA meeting regarding his very public scandal.

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

The president of Westfield State University, Dr. Evan Dobelle, stood quietly and patiently near the entrance of the Peter Mazza Student Government Room while waiting to be introduced by Taylor Fote, president of the Student Government Association.

Most, if not all, of the senators looked at Dobelle with curiosity and suspicion as they waited for him to address the room. In previous years at Westfield State, Dr. Dobelle's image would be most likely be positive among students; however, due to all that has happened to the president since the media first broke the story during the summer, Dobelle's reputation has been questioned.

When Fote welcomed Dobelle to the podium, the senators applauded. Unaware that there was no time allotted for questions due to SGA's packed agenda, Dobelle encouraged the students to call or email him with any questions they may have.

Dobelle started his speech with getting the elephant out of the room. He stated, "I'm in a complicated situation that I can't quite figure out why." He spoke in a strong, realistic tone to all the senators, looking in

their eyes, occasionally glancing to different sides to the room and never raised his voice during his speech. "I'm not a conspiratorial person," Dobelle added.

Dobelle wonders why his actions of spending from several years ago are under scrutiny now even when all money has been accounted for.

He continued by saying that he hopes the Inspector General is a serious man and not a political one.

Dobelle recounted the meeting in Boston with the board of higher education. He told the senators that the secretary of education turned on him and scolded him on going to Tanglewood, the summer venue for the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He says this scolding was an attempt to "roll him."

He strongly believes that there are many agendas going on in the State's goal to take over public higher education. In describing the media's constant focus on the issue, Dobelle said, "they can't stop" making accusations about him. He was saddened that the Boston Globe would write such stories about him.

With the board of trustees and Dobelle in a conundrum, he stated that the new academic building won't be built, even though it's funded, because the board of higher education is using it as "black mail." Dobelle called this "victimizing the faculty, staff and students." The most notable political statement he made was that Governor Deval Patrick is getting informa-



PHOTO BY DAVE FRIED FOR THE WESTFIELD VOICE
President Evan Dobelle speaking to the Student Government Association during the dedication of its meeting space last year. Dobelle spoke about his current situation in one of his first public statements to campus.

tion from "insecure higher education members."

Dobelle closed with a hope that this issue involving him doesn't affect the students' experiences at Westfield State. He said he will "carry it," and not let it affect the institution.

He has no doubts this institution will last in the long run and will make sure it provides its students with the quality education of a private institution at an affordable rate.

Dobelle thanked the senators for their attention and left with high applause. The situation is not over, and many speculations are floating around campus. But one thing will not change: the will of each faculty, staff, and students to make this university as great as it was since its establishment in 1838.

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News from other schools

The Daily Collegian, UNIV. OF MASS. AMHERST

20-year-old Eric Sinacori was found dead in his Amherst, Mass. apartment. The DA's office is currently handling the case even though they do not suspect foul play.

Springfield Student, SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

The Class of 2015 will hold its first Family 5K run this weekend. The money raised is to go to Ronald McDonald House Charities.

The Huntington News, NORTHEASTERN UNIV.

Northeastern Huskies field hockey coach Cheryl Montag notched her 350th win this past weekend. The Huskies beat Dartmouth 5-0. This is truly an accomplishment for a Division I coach.

The Daily Campus, UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Timeflies and Chiddy Bang played for the campus Monday night, mixing two different genres of music and igniting the crowd. A majority of the crowd enjoyed the concert. However, some called the artist's performance lame and only appealing toward the female concert goers.

The Daily Orange, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Chancellor Nancy Cantor announced that she will be stepping away from day-to-day operations to allow for a smooth transition effective Oct. 14. Kurt Syverud was announced as the next chancellor last month.

Registration begins Nov. 1

Chelsea M. Gilbert Voice Reporter

The time has finally come around again to register for classes for the following semester. Registration is managed at Westfield State University by the academic advising office in Parenzo hall and also by faculty advisors for different majors, minors, concentrations and certifications.

Advising and registration follow a detailed process and usually occur in a set time period for each class year. Honor students in good standing and student with learning disabilities usually are the first for advising and registration, followed by seniors, juniors, special athletes, sophomores and finally freshman.

The steps for advising and registration are as follows:

You find out who your advisors are and meet with them to discuss the courses you are going to take. Usually the academic advising center holds pre-advising sessions with students before they meet with their respective faculty advisors. The advising center staff will be able to help

you figure out who your faculty advisors are.

It is suggested that you log into your MyWestfield account and print out a copy of your degree evaluation to bring with you to your advising session. It will make the advising process quicker and make better use of your time.

The advisors will help you decide which courses are best to register for the upcoming semester and you fill it out in your registration form that they will provide.

You then bring this form to your faculty advisor and they may or may not change some of the courses you do. They will also provide you with a pin number that you will need to register online during your specified registration period.

Senior registration begins on the Nov. 1 and other years will follow based on a specific schedule determined by Academic Affairs. Registration begins at 7 a.m. on the day specified for registration.

There are also important things to note before registering online for courses. You must learn how to read your degree evaluation. It is the most

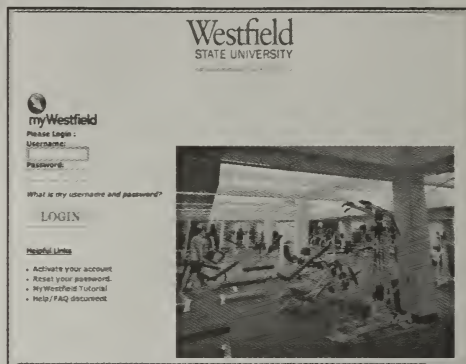


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MyWestfield (above) is a helpful tool in the registration process. The degree evaluation can be found under the 'Academics' tab.

important piece of information concerning what needs to be done for you to graduate on time.

You must pay attention to any holds that you could possibly have on your account. These holds could include financial holds concerning late payments, unsatisfactory progress, etc. If there are any holds on your account, visit the financial aid office to discuss them before the time for registration to ensure registration on time and to receive the classes that you desire.

For seniors who are

graduating, also pay attention to the dates for which you must fill out and return the diploma order form and for other possible forms required for graduating.

The greatest advice for best preparation for registration is to get to know your advisors and use them whenever necessary and do it in a timely manner. Whenever you have a question feel free to go to them. The advisors are there to help you.

The registration calendar can be found on westfield.ma.edu or on westfieldvoice.com.

Corrections to last week's issue of The Westfield Voice

The headline on the bottom of page four should have read, "Junior Aerin Reardon arrested in Conn. on police impersonation and other charges."

The headline on the bottom of page thirteen should have read, "Elton John uses inspiration from his old music in order to move forward and create new masterpieces."

In addition to these headline errors, there are many typographical errors present. We are working hard to review each page before sending it to print. Find an error? Contact our Corrections Editor, Matthew Carlin, at mcarlin6141@westfield.ma.edu.

Concerns raised at SGA during brief but busy meeting

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

On a crisp autumn evening, the Student Government Association (SGA) met Tuesday, the 8th, to have one of their most unorthodox meetings of the year so far. The meeting was shorter than usual, due to an orientation for all the new members at the end of the meeting. Even though the meeting wasn't long, it was filled with important campus updates.

Taylor Fote, President of the SGA, quickly announced that the guest speaker was President Dr. Dobelle and introduced him. Dr. Dobelle spoke about what has been happening to him in regards to the investigation. He was proud to speak in the room for the first time this semester and to see what the SGA has accomplished. He stressed that he wants to keep the issues surrounding him away from the students. (To see more on this speech, read page one of this week's edition of The Voice)

After Dr. Dobelle's speech, the madam president took the podium and began her report by accepting the resignation of Xandria Sotomayor. Then, she approved Andrew Delasandro as a SGA Adviser for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Fote also announced the second lifesaver of the week winner, Alex Doming. Doming used his leadership skills to go above and beyond at the Leadership Voyage this past weekend. Fote said "he showed great potential, and I know he will represent Dickinson Hall very well."

Fote gave a friendly reminder that potential students will be touring the university on Wednesday for "Wednesdays at Westfield." She hopes all

students will treat parents, families, and touring students with respect and show what Westfield State is really about.

She ended with reporting that the Salvation Army called SGA and asked senators to camp out at the Dining Commons and do the old traditional bell ringing for their kettle drive.

Stone Koury, student trustee, gave a brief report about the special meeting on the investigation of Dr. Dobelle scheduled for October 16th. The meeting is to ask questions of Dr. Dobelle, to determine if a new investigation is in order, and to review past university policies and actions.

Senator Joshua Clark gave his All University Committee (AUC) report saying it was the most interesting meeting so far. He reported that six items were returned to AUC by the Curriculum Committee for approval. All were approved. The director of the library asked for comment on a proposal to name the library event space in honor of Emilee Gagnon. For the proposal to be approved, President Dobelle must sign it, but he wanted to have a comment from the committee before taking any action. The committee has made the agreement to follow campus naming procedures.

Tom Durkee, representing the Food Services Committee, announced that a plethora of new members have joined the committee. He also reported that comment cards have indicated that students would like the chefs to remove the fat from the meats.

Andrew McCormack, vice president of academic life, gave an informational report about the academic registration schedule for students.

Steve Kligerman, vice president of programming,

broke the streak of brief reports by announcing that Brown Bag Bingo will now officially be in Scanlon Banquet Hall for the remainder of the semester due to the amount of students that show up for the event. Tickets for a Saturday, October 26th trip to Fright Fest at Six Flags will be available for only 84 students. The tickets cost \$10 for the bus ride and admission. The bus leaves from Scanlon at 3 p.m. and departs Six Flags at 10 p.m. Kligerman urged students to purchase tickets as soon as they are available because they will be in high demand. Tickets can be bought next Tuesday and Wednesday at the Campus Center Service Window.

Steven Mailloux told Kligerman that he heard a rumor that the Campus Activities Board is supposedly discounting student opinions and does not want student input on next year's spring weekend concert artist. Mailloux wanted to know if it was true. Kligerman denied the rumor and said, "We have looked at all genres, have office hours, and board meetings for other students' opinions to be heard."

The reporting ended with the opening of new business. The SGA then went into Executive Session, during which non-voting members and guests were asked to leave the room. The session was for SGA orientation.

Those who missed opening role call were: Jocelyn Herrera-Lazo, Luis Arzola, Sondra Sodimiro, Priscilla Aguilar, Cleston Flemming, Taylor Surrette, and Shawn Hillmann.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be October 8th at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

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A refund is coming your way!

Nick Sarnelli
Head Copy Editor

Recently, many students have become perplexed due to talk regarding a refund to their bill for the 2013-2014 year:

In June 2013, the Westfield State University Board of Trustees voted to raise the cost of the General Fee. Last year, this fee amounted to \$2,757.00; this year, however, the fee was increased to \$2,955.50.

When student bills were issued this past summer, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts had not set a budget for the 2014 fiscal year.

Because the State Legislature has ruled to begin investing resources toward an even split between the Commonwealth and the students within, the increase of \$198.50 from last year to this year is now void and will be deducted from the current bill.

Although \$198.50 may seem like pocket-change compared to other expens-

es, this refund is undoubtedly very helpful – especially when one puts into perspective the amount that they would have been spending and multiplies it by the amount of remaining semesters.

Brittany Moniz, a senior communications major, stated that she thinks the refund is positive, but the timing of it is unfortunate.

"It seems that students are excited to receive a refund," said Moniz, "but I hope that they keep in mind that if they took out loans to cover their fall bill they may still be accruing interest on that \$198."

It would be wise for students to share this information with parents or guardians if they assist in paying the bill.

In regards to students participating in financial aid, if a refund is applicable, it will be issued within the month of October. Also, if students participate in the Installment Plan, they will find that their last payment has been reduced.

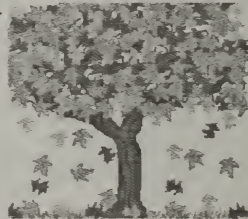
SIGMA TAU DELTA LEAF RAKING

"Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leaves turn." ~Elizabeth Lawrence

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Opinion: Why girls love fall at WSU

Lydia Grossi

Voice Writing Intern

Fall is here, and that means hot pumpkin coffee at Dunkin' Donuts, with delicate girly fingers wrapped around cups heading off to class.

It's time for change.

The array of pine cones and orange pine needles that cover the ground in front of Bates reminds us of it.

You look around and you see those girls with the typical "fall" college attire.

That means that stretchy tank top with

those tight leggings that you see every girl rocking out to.

It does not matter how cold or hot outside it is because it's fall!

You are going to wear those Uggs boots even though it is not thirty degrees out yet.

Some girls need to look the "part", because what fall college girl doesn't want to?

Manicure? Sure. Let's go to "Sophie's" in downtown Westfield and get little leaves painted on our fake nails because you know what?

It's fall. The fact

that the dessert station in the Dining Commons puts out pumpkin coffee cakes, pumpkin bread, and pumpkin cupcakes is like a calling to a Westfield State girl.

Why do girls love fall so much?

Stanley Park. What girl does not love taking a stroll down to Westfield's adored park?

Of course she will want to look at those red, orange and yellow leaves.

Men out there, if there is one way into a girl's heart, it is to take



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a girl on a fall walk.

You might just make her whole season complete.

Let's not forget about candy corn.

A real fall girl has that little dish just waiting to be filled up

with candy corn in the middle of their table in New Hall.

Let's face it, all girls love fall, and cannot wait to curl up with a book in their dorm while enjoying a hot spiced pumpkin latte.

Top ten common myths about the flu

Courtesy of Westfield State University Health Services

If you've ever had the flu, you know how sick you can be. Chances are good that some of the advice friends and family gave you about avoiding or dealing with the flu was wrong.

There seems to be no shortage of misinformation and bad advice when it comes to dealing with the flu.

Here are 10 common myths about the flu:

1. You can catch the flu from the vaccine.

The vaccine is made from an inactivated virus that can't transmit infection. So people who get sick after receiving a flu vaccination were going to get sick anyway.

It takes a week or two to get protection from the vaccine. But people assume that because they got sick after getting the vaccine, the shot caused their illness.

2. Healthy people don't need to be vaccinated.

It's true that the flu vaccination is routinely recommended for people who have a chronic illness. But anyone — even healthy folks — can benefit from being vaccinated. Current guidelines suggest that children ages 6 months to 19 years old, pregnant women, and anyone over age 49 be vaccinated each year.

In addition, the flu shot is recommended for healthy people who might spread the virus to others who are particularly susceptible. For this reason, health care workers are routinely advised to get the flu vaccination to protect their patients.

3. Getting the flu vaccination is all you need to do to protect yourself from the flu.

There are a number of steps you can take to pro-

tect yourself during flu season besides vaccination.

Avoid contact with people who have the flu, wash your hands frequently, and consider taking anti-viral medications if you were exposed to the flu before being vaccinated.

4. The flu is just a bad cold.

Influenza may cause bad cold symptoms. But in the United States alone, 36,000 people die and more than 200,000 are hospitalized each year because of the flu.

5. You can't spread the flu if you're feeling well.

Actually, 20% to 30% of people carrying the influenza virus have no symptoms.

6. You don't need to get a flu shot every year.

The influenza virus changes (mutates) each year. So getting vaccinated each year is important to

make sure you have immunity to the strains most likely to cause an outbreak.

7. You can catch the flu from going out in cold weather without a coat, with wet hair or by sitting near a drafty window.

The only way to catch the flu is by being exposed to the influenza virus. Flu season coincides with the cold weather. So people often associate the flu with a cold, drafty environment. But, they are not related.

8. Feed a cold, starve a fever.

If you have the flu (or a cold) and a fever, you need more fluids. There's little reason to increase or decrease how much you eat.

Though you may have no appetite, "starving" yourself will accomplish little. And poor nutrition will not help you get better.

9. Chicken soup will speed your recovery from

the flu.

Hot liquids can soothe a sore throat and provide much needed fluids. But chicken soup has no other specific qualities that can help fight the flu.

10. If you have a high fever with the flu that lasts more than a day or two, antibiotics may be necessary.

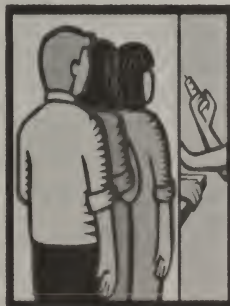
Antibiotics work well against bacteria, but they aren't effective for a viral infection like the flu.

Then again, some people develop a bacterial infection as a complication of the flu, so it may be a good idea to get checked out if your symptoms drag on or worsen.

The flu is a good example of how medical myths can get in the way of good medical care.

When it's flu season, take the necessary steps to stay healthy. That includes separating fact from myth.

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THE WESTFIELD VOICE

The Conservative View: Where's the attention given to the 2014 gubernatorial race?

Matt Carlin
Voice Columnist

The gubernatorial race of Massachusetts, "Indecision 2014," is probably one of the most heated elections in Massachusetts. But on a serious note, this election has been laughably neglected in the recent months and with good reason. As it stands, the head-to-head is predicted to be Martha Coakley, the present Massachusetts Attorney General vs. Charles D. Baker Jr., former CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and former nominee for the last Governor's race.

With the election just a little over a year away, I am going to take the time to compare the two candidates with just a little hint of bias (hey, it's the 'Conservative View'). I will be a gentleman and talk about the lady of the race first: Martha Coakley. The Attorney General of Massachusetts recently approved a bill to increase minimum wage from \$8.00 to \$10.50 as it begins the long road towards the 2014 ballot. This came with much approval from the low-wage workers in Massachusetts, and what do you know, it comes during her campaign and the year before the election for Governor. (What a co-

incidence!)

Recently in 2007 during the 'Aqua Teen Hunger Force' bomb scare, Coakley defended the extreme response from Boston authorities (not necessarily a bad thing, however, coming out with negative commentary on your record is never a good thing). In 2010, Coakley helped draft a constitutional law for Massachusetts that would regulate obscenity over the Internet. She was eventually overturned by a federal judge who claimed it violated the first amendment right to freedom of speech. Though she's been a so-called 'beacon' for social regulation aimed to protect children, her actions have proven far more difficult to live with than what they looked like on paper. For example, Coakley's anti-bullying law is an attempt to curb the endless bullying that children face as they grow up. In theory the law is appreciated since due to social media, children are exposed to the public like never before. However, the issue lies within the enforcement of the law; lately minors have been involved in more criminal cases than before which is a result of the government stepping in and placing more restrictions upon the lives of its citizens and the children. Between the anti-bullying law and the

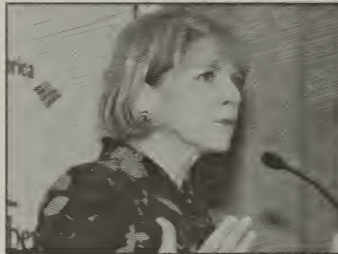


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Democratic candidate Martha Coakley



PHOTO FROM RADIOBOSTON.WBUR.ORG
Republican candidate Charlie Baker

anti-sexting law, children are being introduced to the police at a far too early age and at frightening levels. In the end, Martha Coakley needs to fix her issues as the Attorney General before she seriously runs for Governor.

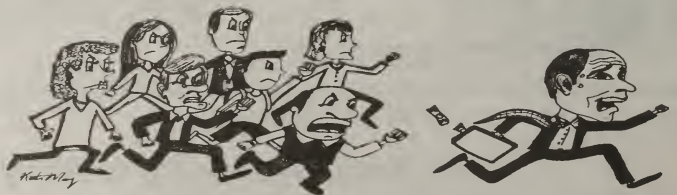
Now let's take a look at the opposition; the only republican in Massachusetts to stand up thus far, Charles D. Baker Jr. Baker started his career in public service in the 1980s, rocking the

democratically run government from the start. Baker took over as Secretary for Health and Services in 1992, and renovated the social service system being referred to as an "innovator." Later, Baker was moved to Secretary of Administration and Finance, which he then became the main designer for the Big Dig effort for Boston. Despite the financial instabilities of the Big Dig plan, Baker was able to redistribute the costs of

the construction project so that it had minimal effects on the Public Transportation Department. In 2010, Baker made an attempt for Governor but eventually lost to the incumbent Governor Deval Patrick. Baker is a New England Republican, being a socially liberal politician who supports gay rights, is pro-choice on abortion issues, however

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Meanwhile at the Oct. 16th special meeting of the Board of Trustees...



CARTOON BY KATE MAY FOR THE WESTFIELD VOICE

From the Editor's Desk

Last Thursday, the commissioner of higher education, Dr. Richard Freeland, made the decision to freeze \$197,000 in funding to the university. This money was supposed to go toward the new science annex that is planned for the campus.

Earlier in the week, Freeland had said that if Dobelle doesn't respond to his questions regarding his spending, he was going to have to "take action."

It was doubtful what that "action" was, but we now know that it means holding the campus community hostage. The \$197,000, which seems like a drop in the bucket compared to the \$48 million budget for the project, was needed in order to keep the project on schedule.

At this point, the project was supposed to move to the design phase. Previously, we were in the strategic planning phase, which included meeting with consultants, analyzing similar campuses for their building uses, making rough sketches of the proposed building, and things like that.

The annex, which was supposed to have opened in the fall of 2016, may now have to open in 2017 because holding back these funds will prevent the project from proceeding to the next phase.

Let me address one stupid action by talking about the stupid action that caused it.

President Dobelle was given the task of responding to Freeland's questions regarding the expenditures as a presumed part of the investigation into the entire matter.

He had until 5 p.m. last Thursday to respond.

According to The Republican, Dobelle's lawyer, Ross Garber, sent an email to Freeland's office at 4:49 p.m. on the day of the deadline asking for an extension.

Needless to say, it was not granted.

Don't get me wrong; both parties are at fault for the freezing of the funds, but what in the world possessed Dobelle or his lawyer

to think that a request like that would be granted?

The phrase, "Failure in preparation on your part does not constitute an emergency on mine" certainly plays a role here.

Freeland did what was appropriate in following through with his threat to freeze the funds. He said he'd take "action", and action he took.

There is no mistaking that Freeland is a man of his word. I cannot write that he is doing something he said he was not going to do.

But the action he took was most certainly the wrong one. Why would he freeze funding to the first academic building project since the 1970's? It holds the campus hostage and stymies progress at a university that has been on the rise for the past five years?

The answer to that question evades me, but what I do know is that Dobelle thought he was bluffing. And he called him out with his 11th hour email.

Probably thinking, "There's no way he'll cut funding," Dobelle and his lawyer seemed to drag out the composition of a report answering the questions that everyone has been asking during this entire affair.

It does not take a Boston public relations firm and a high-powered Connecticut lawyer to answer questions that are so basic in nature.

Report and Video Release

What did we get Monday, the day that he gave himself to respond to the questions? A 20-page report outlining many points that counter the picture painted by the news media and inspector general and a video response from Dobelle himself.

The report was very interesting. Sassy in tone and verbose in length, the report criticized not only Freeland, but also the board of trustees, O'Connor & Drew (the university's accounting firm), and the inspector general.

The first part of the report,

written by Ross Garber, answered the many questions posed by the commissioner and also addressed the concerns he had.

The second part of the report, written by Dobelle himself, addressed specific expenses, which were very detailed.

For instance, Dobelle wrote about the traffic signal at the intersection of the Commuter Lot and Western Avenue.

According to his report, the signal was proposed by the Student Government Association out of concern for student safety. At a cost of \$20,000, one was installed by the City of Westfield.

Dobelle said, "This was an important use of funds...in response to a demonstrated need, at a time when the City hesitated to act, for the safety of WSU students."

In reference to tickets to the Boston Symphony Orchestra for donors, Dobelle argued that there was an \$18,504 cost incurred with \$237,721 in donations received corresponding to this event.

The video addressed some of the comments made over the last few months, especially Gov. Patrick's comments regarding the funding Commissioner Freeland withheld.

While the video acknowledged Dobelle's first (somewhat) public comment during this whole ordeal, it was not as revealing as the 20-page report.

What happens now?

On Tuesday, Dobelle spoke to the Student Government Association in his first public statement given to students.

He called this situation complicated and said he couldn't quite understand what exactly is going on.

Dobelle said the freezing of funds by Commissioner Freeland is "victimiz[ing] faculty, staff, and students."

His speech, in my opinion, was very down-to-earth and quite matter-of-fact. I was definitely proud to be a student at this university

after hearing such an impassioned and heartfelt speech from the president.

He criticized the Board of Higher Education, which has been providing information to Governor Patrick, for being "insecure."

Even though he is currently under investigation, and the student body has been cynical overall of Dobelle – he received a very healthy round of applause after his speech was over.

The Board of Trustees has moved forward with calling a special meeting on Oct. 16 with a time to be determined to discuss the issues surrounding this situation.

It will be there that this will become more complex as there is the possibility that they will order an investigation into his San Francisco trips and/or suspend him with pay.

Personally, I will make every effort to attend the meeting but it depends on what time it ends up being.

For the Record

I was quoted in the *Daily Hampshire Gazette* last Thursday in an article written by Dan Crowley regarding student reaction to this situation.

My remarks are the first ones mentioned in a section entitled, "Student Reaction."

The paragraph that talked about the supposed "lack of focus" surrounding the events leading up to the accountants' report is confusing to me.

If I cannot put sense to that statement, nobody can.

What does that paragraph even mean?!

I guess I got my first lesson in being misunderstood by a journalist in a newspaper. My own medicine tastes sour, for sure.



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Letters to the Editor

On Dignity and Respect

Dear Westfield State University Community,

Over the last few weeks, Student Affairs has received reports about incidents occurring in some of the residence halls that involve racist, homophobic, and sexist words and acts. Graffiti has been etched on walls with statements such as "Let's just rape a chick in here" and "F*** N***". In addition, several unidentified male students have been reportedly creating a "fishbowl" atmosphere staring at women as they enter the hall and making comments which create an uncomfortable environment. These reported acts are intolerable and this letter serves to denounce such hatred and remind students and others of our zero tolerance policy for discrimination and incivility.

Our University Discrimination Harassment Policy is clear and states in part:

"Discriminatory Harassment is a form of unlawful discrimination including verbal and/or physical conduct based on legally protected characteristics and/or membership in a protected class that:

1. Has the purpose or effect of creating an objectively intimidating, hostile or offensive work or educational environment; or

2. Has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or learning performance; or

3. Otherwise unreasonably adversely affects an individual's employment or educational opportunities.

opportunities.

For purposes of this Policy, speech or other expression constitutes harassment by personal vilification if it:

1. Is intended to insult or stigmatize an individual or a small number of individuals on the basis of their gender, race, color, disability, religion, creed, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, marital or veteran status; and

2. Is addressed directly to the individual or individuals whom it insults or stigmatizes; and

3. Makes use of insulting or "fighting" words or non-verbal symbols.

To achieve our goal of providing a University environment free of discriminatory harassment, the conduct that is described in the policy will not be tolerated and we have provided a procedure by which inappropriate conduct will be dealt with, if encountered by faculty, staff and students."

Residential Life staff and staff from Student Affairs have begun to address these issues. A recent mandatory meeting was held in one residence hall with both men and women in separate groups attending to discuss the issues occurring in that hall. Expectations have been reiterated to residence hall students both verbally and in writing. Public Safety has taken reports of activities and has open investigations. Student Government has been informed and has brought the matter to the attention of their full legislature.

We need everyone's help to continue to address these issues. We are asking all faculty, staff and students

to make opportunities both in and out of class to discuss these incidents of cowardice and ignorance. Everyone, especially students within the residence halls, is expected to report things that they see, experience or observe. Seeing someone participate in these actions and not reporting it is, in essence, choosing to become part of the hateful action itself. Extra staff members will be conducting additional rounds and investigations with the goal of identifying perpetrators of these acts and referring them to the campus and local authorities as appropriate. Those found responsible for such actions will be held to a zero tolerance standard of discipline and face expulsion from the University as the recommended consequence.

Communication must be done in an open, honest manner that allows for exchange of ideas and thoughtful and respectful dialogue.

The freedom to express thoughts and opinions does not give anyone the right to create a campus environment that serves to vilify, demean, or threaten others.

We understand that these acts are usually committed by only a few. Let's work together as an entire community to denounce these actions and speak loudly against those few who wish to act in a way that is offensive, hurtful, unlawful and contradictory to the mission of our University.

Peace,
Carlton Pickron
V.P. Student Affairs

Rafael Bones
Asst. V.P. Human Resources/Affirmative Action

On President Dobelle

The recent audit of President Evan Dobelle's expenditures and the resulting chaos has thrown up a veritable dust storm of conflicting stories.

The Board of Trustees keeps flirting with the idea of a special meeting to discuss the situation, and Dobelle has hired a PR firm to speak for him.

However, there isn't much nuance under the spin.

For most people with company credit cards, it is important not to accidentally use them for personal expenses. But he could get the benefit of the doubt, if he repaid immediately.

But he didn't—he paid back in 2010 in a cumulative \$20,000 payment. You don't accidentally rack up 20 grand in expenses and then realize it, he paid once he got caught, plain and simple. Even if he did, then he's still used a nonprofit as a personal bank, except without paying interest on loans. The man in charge of the Foundation has been quoted as saying that he'd fire Dobelle if it was his decision.

According to The Boston Globe, Dobelle asked a staff member to alter the factual content of a report that he was giving to the Westfield Foundation, fabricating a story about him talking to seven organizations in an attempt to get money for the it. The final report, which he filed, said that he met

with the organizations, and he simply did not. According to the organizations he claimed to talk to, he didn't. In short, he lied.

Asked to explain this lie and explain the expenses, and given a week to do so, Dobelle instead hired the lawyer who defended John Rowland, the Connecticut governor who ultimately went to prison for various types of fraud and corruption.

As a result of his failure to comply with the plainly worded ultimatum, the education commissioner is withholding almost two hundred thousand dollars of money from the college, and threatening to withhold another two million.

If Dobelle put the needs of the students ahead of his own desire to stay in office (or, like he did in Honolulu, walk away with a generous settlement), he would have given in and attempted an explanation.

At the time of writing, Friday night, he has not.

Dobelle has called the investigation a personal vendetta, and I don't think that's too far off.

When you play fast and loose with other people's money, lie about it, and then play the victim, "you know you're going to get hit" (in his words).

(Submitted anonymously.)

Gentlemen's Weekly: Drop the snapbacks and flat brims and pick up a homburg

Josh Minardi
Voice Columnist

Remember back to those old pictures of your Grandfathers and Great-Grandfathers. What do a majority of these pictures have in common? In many of these pictures, I'm sure there was always a hat placed upon the head of your male ancestors. Up until the 1950s, men were rarely seen without their hat. Since then, the wearing of hats has seen an abrupt decline. Many people have different theories as to why this is. For the most part it can be traced to different styles and the ongoing trend toward a more casual look.

Hats are both functional and stylish. They can shade your eyes and keep your head warm. They can be used to cover a receding hairline (which, interestingly

enough, is why Frank Sinatra wore one). They can give you a touch of class and sophistication, impart personality, and add an interesting accent to your outfits. A cool hat can become your signature piece and give you some manly swagger (not to be confused with this 'swag' crap).

First is the flat cap, also known as the driving cap. This rounded hat is known for its small brim and high back. Long associated with working-class Englishmen, the flat cap can add an interesting dimension to a casual outfit. It can add a unique style to your jeans and t-shirt. Choose a more masculine flat cap over the similar newsboy cap. (The latter has been co-opted for the ladies.) The Duluth Trading Company sells a very nice fleece-lined or non-lined flat cap.

Next on our list are fedoras. Fedoras were once considered the norm for

men going out in public. Once considered mainstream, now it is primarily seen on the heads of trend-setters. Fedoras are soft, usually felt, creased lengthwise down the crown and pinched on both sides. They are for suits only (I'm looking at you, hipsters). Never wear a fedora with anything but a suit. While it can be difficult to find the right fedora for you, the payoff is worth it. A properly worn fedora gives you an air of style, class, and confidence. They will give you a manly, mysterious look if worn correctly and will make you feel like a Prohibition-Era gangster or Old Blue Eyes himself. Sporting a fedora puts you in touch with a truly luminous and manly heritage.

Now time for the porkpie, called this because, well, some think it looks like a pork pie. This hat is a distant cousin of the fedora (and the homburg, more on

that later), but with a flat top and a short, turned up brim. The porkpie is often associated with jazz, blues, and was a favorite of Robert Oppenheimer. Porkpies are incredibly versatile and can be worn with almost any outfit.

Next is the Bowler Cap. (Also known as a derby or bob cap.) Bowlers are hard, felt, and have a very short brim. While considered to be an icon of the British Gentlemen, they began working their way into the American urban culture in the 19th Century. This when the Irish Gang, the Plug Uglies, wore their Bowlers all the time while roaming the streets of New York City.

Finally my personal favorite, the homburg. The homburg's brim lacks the fedoras pinches, and is turned up all the way around. It is accented with a headband that can be useful for sticking items in,

such as campaign pins or feathers. It was the go-to hat for politicians, diplomats, reporters, and mobsters alike. A homburg cap carries a distinctly powerful feel, likely set by being the favored hat of The Godfather.

Hats can be worn to give you a feeling of effortless cool and manly confidence. Few have loved hats more than Frank Sinatra. Sinatra was able to convey many of his feelings by the way his hat was angled. Here are Sinatra's rules for angling your hat:

- Wear your hat pushed to the back to seem open and accessible.

- Tilt your hat over your eyes to seem mysterious and intimidating.

- Tilt your hat one inch from completely straight to project an all-business attitude.

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The Liberal View: Gubernatorial race heating up with Coakley as front runner

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

The next Massachusetts gubernatorial election will be held November 4, 2014.

The most popular democratic candidate out of five thus far is Martha Coakley.

In 2010, Coakley launched a Senate campaign, which was inevitably lost to Republican Scott Brown after a number of blun-

ders on her end.

Though having experienced this embarrassment, the public seems to have forgiven her and she is a very popular candidate in Massachusetts.

Coakley's experience as Attorney General prosecuting many civil rights cases successfully would coincide with the needs of the state, which are considered to be liberal and a change that many people need from across the state.

Many students should consider the benefits of having someone like Coakley advocate for better education, better programs and better financial management.

Having someone fight for these improvements may make attending schools less of an economic burden.

Charles D. Baker Jr. is the only Republican candidate who has declared he will be running for governor in 2014.

Evan Falchuk is the lone declared independent planning to run next year.

As the race continues on, I believe as students, regardless of political affiliation we should use our voices to reach out to these candidates and make sure our educational needs are met.

We should use candidate campaigns to our advantage and demand affordability and quality in our education that

will improve our standard of living across the board.

I encourage students across campus to get involved and take part in voting and writing letters or emails that address these needs before it's too late.

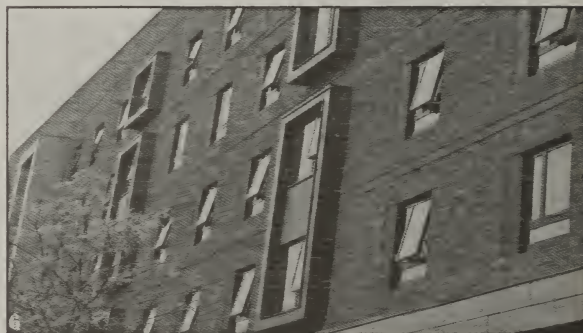
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Feature: Can you find these places on campus?

Jennifer Minitier

Photography Editor

Below you'll find photos of residence halls around campus. Can you identify which residence hall is which? The answer key is at the bottom of the page.



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This campus is more than just a campus, it's home

New students are on an adventure, and the returners are back again to their second home here at Westfield State University. No matter where you live on campus, or maybe off campus with some friends, or commute from home, we still see the crazy occurrences happening daily and can all relate. We all see the same faces and every year get to meet new people randomly.

At Westfield, we will wait in any line for an omelet or the Pandini's Meal Deal. The wildlife is prominent here; our trademark black squirrels are seen everywhere and a skunk has crossed our paths at least a few times this semester.

The members of the community are a great addition, it's always exciting to see a man ride through campus singing on his bike every afternoon or you love having Mary or Mark swipe you in to the Dining Commons everyday.

Adventures on the PVTAs are something everyone should experience when going to Wal-Mart unless you miss your stop and end up all the way at the Springfield bus terminal. But once you're back, walking from main campus to Horace Mann, Woodward, or South Lot is not bad but if the shuttle is there you bet we'll take it! If only there was a shuttle to the fourth floor of Wilson...

If you're a first-year or transfer student, you're most likely still trying to look for the pool on the fourth floor of Lammers...and have yet to

As Westfield State students, we wanted to contribute to *The Westfield Voice* and to be heard. The following article is on what we see every day on this campus, what connects us as students, and makes us proud to be an Owl! The following articles consist of pieces on sports and entertainment, we hope you enjoy!

find it.

You may have been to Max Cap once or twice and even if you haven't been you still get the invites on Facebook or see everyone waiting for City Cab on Thursday nights. And upperclassmen, you'll most likely miss Jazzman's and were waiting for the day you turned 21 to be able to go to the Perch on your weekends.

When the weather is nice, Stanley Park becomes Stanley Beach and you love sitting in the Adirondack chairs to do your homework. Skateboarders are constantly flying by on their way to class.

It is always a scary feeling walking past the green, fearing you will be hit by a frisbee or football as you pass by but seeing all of the green activity is probably one of your favorite parts of this campus.

Father Dean cracks you up with his jokes, and Carlton Pickron is always there to say "what's up" or "peace" and get to know you. Your Westfield sweatshirt is probably your favorite article of clothing.

If you're a girl, you most likely have a Vera Bradley wristlet and don't leave home without it.

And you always have your rain boots ready for Tuesdays and Thursdays because it is probably going to rain on both days and the puddles are unreal.

We have seen some crazy things but just have to laugh and enjoy because we know there is no campus like Westfield State!

You know you're a Westfield State student if...

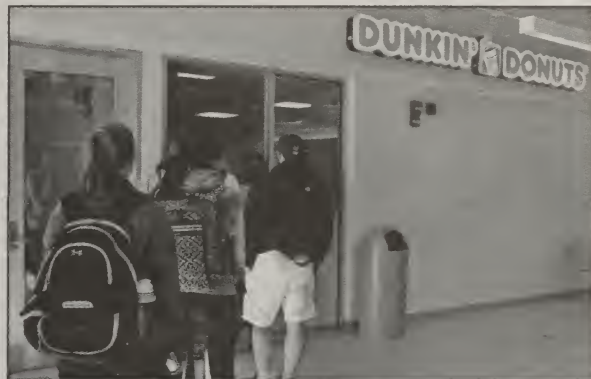


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You know you're a commuter student at WSU when...

You've experienced the struggle that is finding a parking spot.

If you're a commuter at WSU you've taken part in the epic battle for a parking spot in the commuter lot. This usually involves you circling relentlessly and stalking people who are walking to their cars in the hopes that you will be able to shoot into a space before someone can.

You've experienced a long break with nowhere to nap in between.

The commuter life is a tough one. You try to plan your schedule out so that it is condensed and time efficient, but we don't always get our way. Inevitably one semester you will be left with a break between classes, and there will be times when all you want is a brief nap before your next class. Unfortunately, commuters have no dorm room to return to and taking a nap in your car just isn't the same as snuggling up in a comfy bed.

You know you're a transfer student at WSU when...

You don't know where to pick up the shuttle.

As the days get shorter and the nights get colder, knowing where the shuttle stops can be very useful. We have already had a long walk to Horace Mann or Woodward and seen the shuttle whiz by. Instead of being a few minutes late to class by the slow walk, let's learn the pick-up and drop off areas, transfers!

You know you live at Lansdowne Place when...

You've planned to be early but it wasn't quite early enough.

Waiting for the R10 is always grueling,

we've always had those mornings where we get to the bus stop for the PVTAs ten minutes early and realize we missed the bus by thirty seconds.

You know the best time to find a parking spot downstairs.

At Lansdowne Place there are two main lots to park your car: on Arnold Street and underneath the building. You always want to get the prime spot underneath to avoid walking and the fierce weather especially during the colder months but we can't all be that lucky. We can always find ourselves going under just to check and see if there is a spot even though we know there probably isn't one.

You know you're a residential student at WSU when...

You can hear anything in the building pretty much.

When standing in front of the elevator or near your door, you can practically hear any conversation in the hallway and even some of the louder neighbors. And the people who live above you will always sound like they are rearranging their furniture every single night even though they are probably just walking from one part of the room to another.

Fire drills are no surprise, especially in the middle of the night.

We have all had them, it's two in the morning and someone burns their popcorn in the common room or maybe you've lived in New Hall and someone started cooking their dinner, forgot about it and went to Pandini's to eat. There is nothing worse than standing around in the cold or having to wait it out in the DC while the Westfield fire department makes an appearance and the RAs have to go through and do all of their checks.

WHAT WESTFIELD WATCHES



Are they winners or losers?



PHOTO PROVIDED BY JOSEPH URBAN

Up until recently, I hadn't paid much attention to the Emmys and most people who aren't ancient didn't seem to either.

This year, they seem to have people talking. Some of the most popular shows seem to finally have gotten recognition they deserved.

"Breaking Bad" did win the Best Drama Series, but surprisingly Bryan Cranston didn't win best Actor in a Drama Series for his character Walter White.

This award was won by Jeff Daniels for his character Will McAvoy on HBO's hit drama "The Newsroom."

With "Breaking Bad" and "Mod-

ern Family" being the big winners for the night, this didn't leave anyone surprised.

With "Modern Family" just premiering their 5th season on ABC and its recent syndication premiere on USA Network just a few weeks ago, this is a sign that this show will continue to be right up on top, rightfully where it belongs.

With "Breaking Bad" being awarded the title of highest rated television show of all time by Guinness World Records along with winning 10 Primetime Emmys in its 5 season run and endless critical acclaim, its heartbreaking for fans to

know it's all ending.

With this show never letting its fans down, let's hope that the spinoff series that is being planned will do the exact same.

List of Emmy winners:

Drama Series: "Breaking Bad" (AMC)

Actress, Drama Series: Claire Danes, "Homeland" (Showtime)

Supporting Actor, Drama Series: Bobby Cannavale, "Boardwalk Empire" (HBO)

Supporting Actress, Drama Series: Anna Gunn, "Breaking Bad" (AMC)

Directing, Drama Series: David Fincher, "House of Cards" (Netflix)

Writing, Drama Series: Henry Bromell, "Homeland" (Showtime)

Comedy Series: "Modern Family" (ABC)

Lead Actor, Comedy Series: Jim Parsons, "The Big Bang Theory" (CBS)

Lead Actress, Comedy Series: Julia Louis-Dreyfus, "Veep," (HBO)

Supporting Actor, Comedy Series: Tony Hale, "Veep" (HBO)

Supporting Actress, Comedy Series: Merritt Weaver, "Nurse Jackie" (Showtime)

Directing, Comedy Series: Gail

Kendra Augustino

Brady Doyle

Justin Haffermehl

Emily Potter

Cayleigh Russell

Joseph Urban

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Mancuso, "Modern Family" (ABC)

Writing, Comedy Series: Tina Fey and Tracey Wigfield, "30 Rock" (NBC)

Miniseries or Movie: "Behind the Candelabra" (HBO)

Lead Actor, Miniseries or Movie: Michael Douglas, "Behind the Candelabra" (HBO)

Lead Actress, Miniseries or Movie: Laura Linney, "The Big C: Hereafter" (Showtime)

Supporting Actor, Miniseries or Movie: James Cromwell, "American Horror Story: Asylum" (FX)

Supporting Actress, Miniseries or Movie: Ellen Burstyn, "Political Animals" (USA)

Directing, Miniseries or Movie: Steven Soderbergh, "Behind the Candelabra" (HBO)

Writing, Miniseries or Movie: Abi Morgan, "The Hour" (BBC America)

Reality-Competition Program: "The Voice" (NBC)

Variety Series: "The Colbert Report" (Comedy Central)

Writing, Variety Series: "The Colbert Report" (Comedy Central)

Directing, Variety Series: Don Roy King, "Saturday Night Live" (NBC)

Choreography: Derek Hough, "Dancing With the Stars" (ABC)

Television show spoilers...Do they offend you?

Television ends. It's pretty much science. No prime-time television show is going to go on forever (unless you're maybe "The Simpsons").

In fact, "The Simpsons" are the longest running animated series, sitcom and scripted primetime series.

So when some of the most talked about series in TV history are coming to an end this past month, respectively Breaking Bad

and Dexter, people are going to be rightfully polarized by the definitive/not-so-definitive ending of each show.

Now, when talking about the ending of an entire series people tend to focus on this word "spoiler."

It's almost as polarizing as the actual ending of a TV series. It's equally both sought after and feared.

People scour the internet looking for clues and

hints to figuring out what the ending of a show might be and on the other side of the coin, people shut of their phones, computers, radios and any other information giving device until they actually make it to the DVR'd show of their choice.

What constitutes enough time to post your feeling on a social network without really "spoiling" a show?

Is it a week, a month, a few months?

Should we start imposing penalties on those inconsiderate jerks who told us the ending to Dexter or Breaking Bad? Maybe blow half their face-off... too soon?

Head on over to our website, www.westfield-voice.com and sound off on your feelings about spoilers and what you can do to prevent them.

N.E. Patriots: Brady needs a bunch

Tom Brady wasn't part of originally part of The Brady Bunch and since we know Marcia's experience with footballs—"Oh, my nose!"—the TV family would probably be more hapless than most of the rookies the veteran quarterback has been working with this season.

The New England Patriots rarely have a problem advancing through the AFC East, having won nine of the last ten division titles, but this year could be different. Although the team is off to a good start record-wise, the division has all the markings of becoming more competitive than ever. Right out of the gate, the Miami Dolphins look like the team who could vie for the division's top spot alongside the Patriots.

Just a year ago, Brady was making connections with Brandon Lloyd and Wes Welker left and right, combining with the two of them for 192 receptions, 2,265 total yards and 10 touchdowns. With Peyton Manning passing the pigskin to Welker these days, and Lloyd still enjoying free agency, Brady is struggling to find a team of rookies to get the ball to after the snap.

With every struggle comes opportunity, which is where wide receiver and kickoff returner Julian Edelman has come into play. Edelman had a career night when the Patriots took on the Atlanta Falcons, finishing with seven catches and 118 yards in New England's 30-23 win. Following the Week 4 win, the Patriots' No. 1 receiver had already tallied 319 yards over 34 catches, which leads both the team and the NFL in number of receptions. Meanwhile, Brady is learning to work with rookies Kenbrell Thompson and Aaron Dobson, a transition that hasn't been easy for the Patriots main play-caller.

Still, Brady may have found a replacement for at least one of his losses—running back LeGarrette Blount—who came to New England after three seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Blount was practically unstoppable during the pre-season and has brought that energy into the regular season already. Carrying just slightly less often than Stevan Ridley, Blount rushed for his first touchdown wearing the Flying Elvis, a 47-yard run, through

the Falcons defense to score in the Patriots' match-up against the Falcons.

Blount, of course, is the replacement for former New England running back Danny Woodhead, who has been coursing the gridiron with the San Diego Chargers since signing there as a free agent in March. Woodhead had 86 total yards in the Chargers match-up against Dallas, tallying two touchdowns, but he wasn't alone in his success. The same day, Welker also scored twice against Philadelphia and now leads the league in touchdowns with six.

Losing Woodhead, Welker and Aaron Hernandez certainly hasn't been all peaches and cream for the Patriots O-line. Brady, who has worked as part of a no-huddle offense under head coach Bill Belichick and offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels since 2000, cannot yet call audibles at the line to his new teammates, which is an adjustment for the eight-time Pro Bowler and two-time Super Bowl MVP. While both Thompkins and Dobson have been getting better, things are definitely still rocky for the rookie receivers.

Through the first two weeks of the season, Thompkins had failed to have much of an impact, pulling in only six receptions for 89 yards, but in weeks three and four, Thompkins showed major signs of improvement, hauling in nine catches for 168 yards as well as recording three touchdowns in two games. The rookie wide receiver also has demonstrated his ability to be a deep threat against opposition, snatching a 49-yard toss from Brady against Atlanta.

Dobson, a second-round pick by the Patriots in the 2013 NFL Draft, also started the season off slowly. A hamstring injury kept the former Marshall receiver known for his extremely athletic catches sidelined during week one against the Buffalo Bills and in Week 2, the three receptions and 56 yards he tallied were overshadowed by several dropped passes. During Week 3, Dobson was the team's leader, hauling in seven receptions for 52 yards in the win over the New York Jets. In Week 4, Dobson left the game in the third-quarter with a

neck injury, which opened the door for Josh Boyce, who tallied one reception for 24 yards in the game. While those stats are nothing to write home about, Boyce displayed some serious athleticism, speed and agility, and if Dobson is expected to miss time, could be a new target for Brady going forward.

Injuries could play a key role in how the Patriots perform this season, since Dobson's injury is just one of many. During the offseason, New England signed wide receiver Danny Amendola, who appeared to be a promising replacement for Welker, but has been injury-plagued throughout his career. Sure enough, Amendola has missed the last three games with a groin injury, while one of Brady's other favorite targets, tight end Rob Gronkowski, is still sitting on the sidelines recovering from multiple surgeries on a broken forearm and his back.

Gronk's status has been elevated in recent weeks from "doubtful" to "questionable" and from "questionable" to "probable" but the Patriots opted to leave him home during their trip to Atlanta on Sept. 29 after he strained his back during practice leading up to the game. Amendola was initially expected to miss six weeks, but many reports indicate that he'll return much sooner, which would certainly solidify the Patriots' depth at wide receiver. Both players are currently considered day-to-day.

One player who won't be making an appearance again anytime soon is running back Shane Vereen. Two days after racking up 159 total yards in the game against Buffalo, Vereen was placed on the team's short-term injured reserve list with a broken wrist, which required surgery. Vereen rushed for 101 yards against Buffalo on 14 carries, and caught seven passes for 58 yards. Vereen won't be eligible to return to the team's active roster until Week 11, a week after New England's scheduled bye. The blow was crushing for the Patriots since Vereen performed so well following a fumble by Ridley on a non-contact play that found him warming a seat on the bench.

Just as things seemed to be looking up for New England, the

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Week 4 also produced another key injury. Defensive tackle and defensive captain Vince Wilfork was injured on the 10th play of the Falcons' opening series, tearing his Achilles tendon, an injury that will likely leave him sidelined for the remainder of the season.

"It doesn't look too good for Vince," Belichick told Boston sports radio station WEEI before the results of Wilfork's MRI came back. "I think he's got a pretty serious injury, and it's probably unlikely that he'll be able to play again this year."

Wilfork's double-team demanding 325-pound frame won't be easy to replace with the team thin at defensive tackle since training camp opened. The team signed Armond Armstead but the 23-year-old defensive end is occupying a spot on the non-football injury list after undergoing surgery for an infection. The team is left with only a few choices, veteran Tommy Kelly and rookies Joe Vellano, who was undrafted, as well as Chris Jones, a sixth-round pick from the Houston Texans who the Patriots claimed on waivers.

If the Patriots can manage to escape the division unscathed, there are at least two more teams in the AFC that could threaten New England's chances at another trip to the Super Bowl—Kansas City and Denver. The Chiefs are perhaps the most surprising, having only won two games last season. The team managed to revamp during the off-season under new head coach Andy Reid and won its first four games. The Broncos, however, could be the team to watch with their explosive and unstoppable offense lead by Peyton Manning. Denver has managed to embarrass its first four opponents, outscoring them 179-91, despite having a depleted defense missing currently-suspended linebacker Von Miller and cornerback Champ Bailey.

From 'The Voice' Vault

WSC celebrates 125th Science building bids due

This article was published in the April 15, 1965 issue of Westek.

Another first has been initiated at Westfield State. On April 30, at the Tekoa Country Club in Westfield the music of Ronnie Drum and his Orchestra will mark the opening of the Freshman Ball and our first spring weekend.

"La Soiree Enchantee" will begin at 8:00 and come to a close with a light buffet at 12:00.

In addition to the "New Journey-men" who will appear in concert on Saturday, May 1 in Dever Auditorium, Student Government is presenting a picnic-folk festival on Sunday, May 2 as part of Westfield's 125th Anniversary Celebration.

On that afternoon, various games and the picnic will be topped off by Westfield students' renditions of numerous folk tunes. This

program will be supplemented by two imported groups who will cover everything from standard folk songs to "Spider John" Kohner guitar and harmonica blues.

The picnic will be catered by Giovanni's. Assorted sandwiches, salads, and soft drinks comprise the menu. Prior to this, games and interclass competition will take place.

Saturday's concert is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. The Sunday festivities will get underway at 1:00 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale. The combination ticket sells for \$5.00 a couple (that is - two people attend all activities both Saturday and Sunday.)

Separate tickets are \$2.00 (per person) for Saturday night and \$1.50 (per person) for Sunday.

Since there are only six days left to buy tickets, remember: bring your money in after vacation and take advantage of being a part of State's first Spring Weekend.

This article was published in the September 10, 1969 issue of The Owl.

Plans for the new Science Building to be built for Westfield State College will go out to bid at the end of the month and it is hopeful that construction of the \$5,400,000 building will begin in late October. The building will be located adjacent to Bates Hall, approximately where the parking lot is now.

A significant addition to the campus, the Science Building, will serve a multi-purpose function and will enable the college to expand its offerings in graduate and undergraduate psychology and the physical and biological sciences.

The first floor of the four-story building will be basically for psychology instruction. It will contain department offices, a counseling center, experimental laboratories, and class-

rooms. It will also contain a computer center, an electron microscope, and the lecture level of a large lecture hall.

The second floor will provide for the biological sciences, including botany, microbiology, genetics and anatomy. There will be classrooms, laboratories, and a museum taxonomy lab. This floor will also contain the second level of the lecture hall. On the third floor will be the physical sciences including geology, physics, astronomy, physical science and earth science. There will be offices, workrooms and a chemistry laboratory.

The fourth floor will be for mathematics. There will be eleven classrooms, a laboratory, and numerous offices. Stairs lead to an observation deck on the roof.

A walk-under path will go through the Science Building from one side to the other.

An architect's drawing of the structure is on display in Parenzo Lobby.

Trustees accept Pilecki's resignation

This article was published in the April 1, 1986 issue of The Westfield State Owl.

Brian Toohey
Owl Contributor

The Board of Trustees of Westfield State College met Tuesday to accept the resignation of Francis J. Pilecki and to promote Garreth Lynch to the position of Vice President of Administration.

Board Chairman Dr. Charles Hapcook called the meeting to order at 7:36 and read a prepared statement on the president's resignation.

"People have seen and accepted the level of excellency established by Dr. Pilecki," Hapcook said. "It now remains the president's task to inform you of his future plans."

"We will all miss this man we have come to know as our leader, teacher, benefactor, and friend," he said.

Pilecki, who was not at the meeting, sent a letter to be read by

the chairman in his absence.

The letter said that Pilecki resigned because he has received "a very fine offer from another institution."

The president was not at the meeting, said Hapcook, because he was at the Marathon House in New York City, working on his program for disadvantaged youths.

The resignation is to become effective no later than August 1, 1986. It was accepted unanimously.

A search committee was then established to make recommendations on Pilecki's successor to the Board.

The committee will include trustees, an alumni rep., a student rep., an administration rep., two faculty reps., a member from the community, and a non-voting clerk.

The community representative was not originally on the committee.

The position was created as the result of a motion made by trustee Joseph DeLeo.

The fact that Acting President John Nevins is not on the committee led to speculation that he is hoping to become Pilecki's replacement.

The personnel committee of the

Board then gave its report, in which it recommended that Assistant to the President Garreth Lynch be promoted to the position of Vice President of Administration at a salary of \$56,000 a year, effective immediately.

A statement from Ron Michaud, president of the WSC Faculty Association, was then read. The statement questioned Lynch's appointment.

"Why make this appointment if it undermines the confidence in the CEO, a CEO that enjoys the trust and confidence of the entire faculty?" the statement asked.

Trustee DeLeo echoed the sentiments of the statement and made a motion that a vote on Lynch's appointment be tabled until the next meeting. The motion was not seconded.

Lynch's promotion passed with only DeLeo voicing opposition.

After the promotion was passed, Hapcook said that "Gary's appointment should in no way be viewed as a lack of confidence in our current CEO. We have a great deal of respect and support for John Nevins."

Nevins pointed out that "this is

the first time that a CEO's recommendation on a personnel matter has been overridden by the board."

After the meeting, Nevins said that he opposed Lynch's promotion because he felt it improper to appoint a VP when a new president has not yet been chosen.

"I just don't want to establish a position that a future president may wish to do away with," he said.

In reaction to the trustees' decision to choose faculty members on the search committee from a pre-established list, WSC professors Curt Curtin and Ronald Michaud wrote letters protesting the decision.

Michaud's letter was addressed to Board of Trustees' chair, Dr. Charles Hapcook, and requested that the faculty be able to choose their own representatives to the search committee.

"I am suggesting the following," wrote Michaud in the letter, "that the faculty select their representatives on the Search Committee through an elective process conducted by the local Faculty Association, and that those members so selected be recommended to the Board of Trustees for their approval."

Arts & Entertainment

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Top 10 Singles

1. Lorde - Royals
2. Katy Perry - Roar
3. Miley Cyrus - Wrecking Ball
4. Drake - Hold On, We're Going Home
5. Avicii - Wake Me Up
6. Jay-Z - Holy Grail
7. Robin Thicke - Blurred Lines
8. Ylvis - The Fox
9. Lady Gaga - Applause
10. Lana Del Ray - Summertime Sadness

Top 5 Albums

1. Nothing Was The Same - Drake
2. Mechanical Bull - Kings Of Leon
3. Closer To The Truth - Cher
4. The Diving Board - Elton John
5. From Here To Now To You - Jack Johnson

Top 5 Movies

1. Gravity
2. Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2
3. Runner Runner
4. Prisoners
5. Rush

Upcoming DVDs

1. The Heat
2. Pacific Rim
3. Maniac
4. The Colony
5. A Hijacking

Absinthe Rose: DIY Folk-Punk from Boston



Absinthe Rose's new album "The More That We Learn, The More We Learn That We're Wrong" is a unique album that is guaranteed to catch the the readers ear.

Jessica Thelen Voice Reporter

I recently had the opportunity to catch Absinthe Rose, Boston's own DIY, female-fronted Folk-Punk band live and in concert, along with Philly Folk-Punk veterans Mischief Brew, Portland, Oregon's punks Dirty Kid Discount, along with Days and Daze, a crust-punk DIY band always on the move. The show was, needless to say, astounding. The band that stood out to me the most (besides Mischief Brew, of course), was Kimbo Rose's band Absinthe Rose; Absinthe Rose is a fabulous, honest, emotionally raw, feminist-oriented folk-

punk band that focuses on wrongful incarceration, love, wrongful pretenses, the injustices of capitalism, and revolution.

The band's latest album, titled *The More That We Learn, The More We Learn That We're Wrong*, debuted in May of this year, and it deserves far more notice than it's getting. This album is a breath of fresh air: Absinthe Rose combines the rustic sounds of banjos and acoustic guitars with machine-gun drumming, slick guitar rhythms, with melodic, angry vocals that make you sit up and pay attention.

The album begins with a short instrumental track that segues beautifully into

the second track, "Diggin Ditches." "Diggin Ditches" holds nothing back: a quickly strummed banjo and acoustic guitar assaults the listener's ears, making way for Kimbo's powerful voice. This song focuses on the recurring theme of wrongful incarceration and persecution: a problem that is rampant throughout the American Justice System. "Write Me Off" keeps up the band's full-frontal assault, and urges the listener to speak up and stand up for what they believe in, no matter what the naysayers say. "Cradle To The Cage" continues with the theme of wrongful incarceration and injustice; this song gives the band a breather with a slower, more mournful rhythm, and allows the listener to pause and reflect on the album's explicit and not so explicit meanings. This tune is followed by "Call It Like I See It," an aggressive, accusatory song about stripping away the layers that make up a person and seeing them for who they really are.

"Call It Like I See It" is followed by "Damn Mess," one of the most political songs on the album, and is perfectly fitting for our current government situation. With lines such as: "The machinery is breaking down / The policy of this urgency has begun to individualize. / No support, seems everyone is on their own side. / And I can't breathe in this room." Kimbo isn't afraid

to speak the truth: "This is serious. / This is obvious. / This is a damn mess." "Damn Mess" is one of my favorite songs on the album precisely because of its attention to the broken state our government is in.

This somber song is followed up with another one of my favorite tracks, "Stained Glass"—an upbeat track that is extremely catchy, with its questioning tone: did she drive him away, or was it supposed to be this way? This song also features some of the best lyricism on *The More That We Learn, The More We Learn That We're Wrong*: "I've noticed, I'm up against this as well / This wall, like my body's smashed in between / to paint this stained glass from a viewer's eyes / I appear in gold light, fun-house mirrors. / I'm obscure, I'm Picasso's painted masterpiece / I'm Sherlock Holmes' mystery, mystery, oh." The song never lets up: "The way I recognized your sigh in a crowded room / The way you always sing to raise my hope and my spirit in this dark, dark world..."

The focus on broken relationships continues with the ferocious, punk-fueled "We're Better Off." Kimbo screams and shouts as the drums and guitars frame her voice, constantly repeating the mantra: "We're better off...we're better off." The album continues with its punk feel with "I Be-

see *THELEN* on page 22

Knowing to Cook: Garlic bread is a staple of all Italian cooking, something to be proud of

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

Not all of us are blessed with the good fortune of having Italian blood run through our veins; however, those of us who do greatly pity the less fortunate. The pity is all in good fun, of course, because at a certain age everyone becomes Italian.

On the outside I look like the poster child for Ireland: pale skin, blue eyes, and a cap upon my head. However, I'm only Irish until you get me in the kitchen.

Italians belong in the kitchen, no two ways about it. Italy has one of the greatest and richest cuisines in the world. It's not all pasta; there are

seafood dishes, soups, vegetable platters, and much more I can't even begin to list.

Over the weekend I tried my hand at an old family lasagna recipe. It turned out much better than last week's Beef Stew fiasco.

I have always found it easier to cook Italian food. It may have to do with the fact that I have a bit of Italian in me or that I've been watching my mother cook since I was small, but who can know for sure?

The perks of being Italian are as follows: you have a big personality, you can't talk without moving your hands, and there is always the chance for an excellent meal.

My love and zeal for great food comes entirely from my Italian heritage,

strictly because food is part of being Italian, as it is embedded in the culture. Many people tend to take food for granted, not realizing the potential of what can be created with a few simple ingredients.

Italians understand the potential of what a few simple ingredients can give you, which is a delicious meal. I love my Italian heritage and being able to express that through food is one of the greatest joys in my life.

I was planning on including the lasagna recipe this week, but some things need to stay in the family. Plus, I burdened you all with the intense Beef Stew recipe last week. So, instead I'm giving you a very easy and simple recipe for Garlic Bread.



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Garlic Bread

Ingredients:

- 1 loaf Italian Bread
- 5-6 cloves garlic- crushed & minced
- 1 stick salted butter
- 1 Tbs. chopped parsley

Instructions:

1. Take a knife and slice the bread in half-length wise.
2. Mince 5-6 cloves of garlic
3. Chop the parsley.
4. Mix garlic and parsley with room temperature butter in a bowl. (Note: to

- soften butter, microwave it uncovered for 10 seconds)
5. Spread garlic-parsley butter on the two halves of the bread.
6. Combine the two halves and wrap in tin foil.
7. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
8. Bake bread for 15 minutes.
9. Serve warm.

Ryan Cashman is a sophomore communications and theatre arts double major and the food columnist for The Westfield Voice.

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After 40 years, 'Brick Road' still influential

J.R. Nieb

Voice Contributor

Once again, the undeniably talented musician, Elton John, made another trip down the yellow brick road. October 5, 2013 marked the 40th anniversary of his seventh studio album, *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road*.

The album was John's first double album, which reached #1 on the charts when it first came out. Many fans consider the album to be one of his best and most popular albums. In addition, the album has also been considered to be one of the most influential albums in popular music history.

In October of 1973, the album was certified gold. In March 1993, it was certified 5x platinum, in September 1995, it was certified 6x platinum, and in August 1998, it was certified 7x platinum.

It was added to the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2003, and in November 2003, the album was ranked #91 in Rolling Stone magazine's list of "the 500 Greatest Albums of All Time."

The album was ranked #59 on Channel 4's list of 100 Greatest Albums. In 2009, 31 million copies were sold, making it his best-selling studio album.

Bernie Taupin, John's long-time collaborator, wrote the lyrics in two and a half weeks and John composed the music to these lyrics in three days while they were at the Pink Flamingo Hotel in Kingston, Jamaica. John wanted to record the album in Jamaica because that was where the Rolling Stones recorded their album, *Goats Head Up*.

Production for the album began in Jamaica in January 1973. However, problems with the stu-

dio piano and sound system, along with the boxing match between Joe Frazier and George Foreman taking place in Kingston, and a poor economic situation, causing violent political tensions, caused John and his band to record the album at a different location before they began production. The only thing that John and his crew did with the album in Jamaica was record a version of "Saturday Night's Alright for Fighting," which was rejected.

"The album was not planned as a two-record collection," said Gus Dudgeon, the album's producer.

John and Taupin composed 22 songs total, but only 17 of them made it onto the album. The main themes for most of the songs on the album were the wanting of a better childhood and an old version of the American culture, like the ones portrayed in the movies.

In May 1973, it took John and his band two weeks to record the album at the Chateau d'Herouvill in France, which is where John recorded his previous albums, *Honky Chateau* and *Don't Shoot Me, I'm Only the Piano Player*.

The version of "Saturday Night's Alright for Fighting" that was recorded at the Chateau was the version that was released on the album and as a single.

One of the big hits that was included on the album was "Candle in the Wind," which is a tribute to the late actress, Marilyn Monroe. The other three hits included on the album were "Benie and the Jets," "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road," and "Saturday Night's Alright for Fighting."

In 2008, Ben and Jerry sold a limited supply of an ice cream flavor named "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" to honor John's first

performance in Vermont and the 35th anniversary of the album.

The opening track, "Funeral for a Friend/Love Lies Bleeding" is really two songs combined into one track. The first part, "Funeral for a Friend" is an instrumental piece that was composed by John after he thought about what type of music he would like to have played at his funeral.

The first half of the track then goes into "Love Lies Bleeding." "The two songs were not written as one piece, but fit together since 'Funeral for a Friend' ends in the key of A, and 'Love Lies Bleeding' opens in A," said John in the *Eagle Vision* documentary, *Classic Albums: Goodbye Yellow Brick Road*.

David Hentschel, the album's engineer, played the ARP synthesizer for the extravagant opening for

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Owls Sports

Westfield State women's soccer rolls past Massachusetts Maritime, 5-2



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Westfield freshmen Kate Matroni collides with Mass. Maritime goalie Katie Levesque during first-half action of their 5-2 victory.

Andrew Burke

Layout Editor

The Westfield State women's soccer team got back to their winning ways this weekend as they beat Mass. Maritime, 5-2 at Alumni Field.

The Owls lost their previous two games against Bridgewater State 1-2 and Trinity College 1-3 to give them a 5-5 record coming into the game against the Buccaneers.

The victory put the Owls one game above .500 in their overall and conference records.

Mass. Maritime is now 0-3 in

the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) and 3-4-2 overall after nine games in the 2013 season.

The first of five goals was scored in the 28th minute by sophomore midfielder Kelsey Murray on a cross from fellow sophomore Emily Carroll that found its way through multiple defenders.

Mass. Maritime goalie Katie Levesque was phenomenal in the first half and was able to keep the ball out of the net despite a lackluster defense.

The Owls led 1-0 at the intermission but felt that they could

have had a commanding lead at that point.

Finishing scoring opportunities was a difficulty for Westfield in this game, scoring five goals on 61 shot attempts. By comparison, Mass. Maritime only took two shots, but scored on both.

The weakness that was most prominent for the Buccaneers was their inability to prevent scoring opportunities and keep the ball off of their side of the field.

Levesque made 27 saves in the game and kept the score from being completely out of hand, with little help from her supporting cast.

Westfield took a 3-0 lead early in the second half with a second goal by Murray and another by junior midfielder Sarah Sypek. Sypek's goal was assisted by Amanda Grant, for her first of two in the game and Murray's second goal was assisted by Collie Sambrook and Emily Carroll again.

Amanda Grant is now third in the MASCAC with five assists on the season so far.

Mass. Maritime struck back with a goal by Asia Vernson in the 56th minute, giving the Buccaneers some confidence for the rest of the game.

Sypek was able to find the back of the net 15 minutes later, essentially putting the game out of reach at 4-1 with 20 minutes remaining.

Only two minutes had passed before freshman midfielder Jackie Grasso was able to seal the victory, putting Westfield up 5-1.

Mass. Maritime continued to fight, scoring a goal in the 77th minute by Lauren Salem.

The next game for the Owls is this Columbus Day weekend. They travel to Salem State at 1:00 p.m. in their fourth of seven conference games.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Friday, October 4th

M Soccer at Mass. Maritime W 2-1 OT
M Golf at Rhode Island College Invitational 6th Place

Saturday, October 5th

W VBall vs Western New England L 0-3
W VBall at Rhode Island College W 3-0 (Games Played at Rhode Island College)
W Soccer at Rhode Island College W 5-2
W Golf at Williams College Invite (no score)

Football at Plymouth State W 31-0
Field Hockey vs Southern Maine L 2-5

Sunday, October 6th

W Golf at Williams College Invite 14th Place

Tuesday, October 8th

M Soccer at Lasell College L 1-4
Field Hockey at Fitchburg State W 4-0

Wednesday, October 9th

W VBall at Amherst College L 0-3

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Friday, October 11th

W VBall vs Plymouth State 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 12th

W Golf at Wellesley College Invite 9:00 a.m.

W VBall at Springfield College 10:00 a.m.

Field Hockey at Framingham State 11:00 a.m.

W XC vs James Earley Invite 11:00 a.m.

M XC vs James Earley Invite 12:00 p.m.

M Golf at ECAC Division III Championship 12:00 p.m.

W VBall vs Roger Williams 12:30 p.m.

Football vs. Framingham State 1:00 p.m.

W Soccer at Salem State 1:00 p.m.

M Soccer vs Salem State 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 13th

M Golf at ECAC Division III Championship 12:00 p.m.

W Golf at Wellesley College Invite 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 15th

W VBall vs. Salem State 7:00 p.m.

Field Hockey vs Smith College 7:00 p.m.

Rebuilding Celtics hope to salvage season



New Celtics coach Brad Stevens is hoping to show promise for the future in his first year at the helm, even with a lackluster roster and low expectations.

Robert Morris

Voice Reporter

After six years strong, the Big Three Era is over for the Boston Celtics. With a record of 41 wins and 40 losses, the Celtics limped into the playoffs with their worst record since the acquisition of Kevin Garnett in July 2007.

Many fans are wondering where the Celtics stand now and how they will approach the upcoming season. With the 2014

NBA draft class predicted to be one of the most talent filled drafts in recent memory, Boston could cash in by tanking the forthcoming season. Although general manager Danny Ainge claims there is no intention of forfeiting the upcoming season, even after shipping out team leaders Garnett and Paul Pierce and former coach Doc Rivers heading west to coach the LA Clippers.

All-star point guard Rajon Rondo is still working

on a comeback from a torn ACL. Sorry to say but Danny Ainge is full of it, there is no way the Celtics stay in contention this season as hard as it is to say. I bleed green for the Celtics, and Danny Ainge made that statement for die-hard fans of the team.

General Managers take public relations into account when stating plans for future plans. They do not want to give fans a reason to stay home from games before the season

even starts.

Ainge is salivating as much as the next GM over top prospect Andrew Wiggins. The freshman from Kansas is projected to go first overall in the 2014 NBA draft and is a once in a generation talent. Even if the Celtics do not land the 1st overall pick, there are a lot of products to choose from that can positively impact their team in their rookie season.

Players like Duke prospect Jabari Parker and Kentucky's Julius Randle. The Celtics right now are just not talented enough or big enough to make any real noise this year leading to fans believe they will aim for a high lottery draft pick.

With new coach Brad Stevens at the helm, it could be a surprisingly successful season. Brad Stevens was seen as an elite college coach after taking Butler to consecutive NCAA Championship games.

The Celtics are in the worst place to be in the NBA. They are not good

enough to contend for a championship but they are not bad enough to expect a high draft pick. It is more difficult in the NBA for a Cinderella team to arise. The closest thing to it in recent memory is the 2011 Dallas Mavericks who beat the newly assembled Miami Heat squad. The best teams usually prevail in 7 game series, explaining why the Heat and Spurs were in the championship this past season.

Basketball is a team sport, but in the NBA one player can make or break your roster. With the hype Andrew Wiggins is getting, I say forgo your possibly boring and mediocre season and take faith in the lottery balls in next Junes' NBA draft lottery.

Lady luck still owes the Celtics after we lost out on Kevin Durant in the 2007 lottery, so let's cross our fingers and pray to God that tanking it could work out this year. The first pick in the lottery and Andrew Wiggins is up for grabs, but anything can happen

Women's Volleyball splits tri-match on Saturday, losing to WNE, beating RIC

Ryan Sances

Voice Reporter

The Westfield State women's volleyball team split their tri-match over the weekend, falling to Western New England but defeating host Rhode Island College.

The Owls dropped their opening match in straight sets to Western New England by scores of 25-11, 25-15, and 25-10.

Senior Lindsay Rescott led the Owls with six kills while junior Carolyn Cote contributed a team high 12 assists in the match.

Westfield turned things around in their sec-

ond match, sweeping host Rhode Island College 25-17, 25-21, 25-14.

Seniors Lindsay Rescott and Julia Warner and junior Carole Duquette led the Owl attack with 12, 10, and 11 kills, respectively.

Rescott and Warner also led the way defensively with Rescott posting 19 digs and Warner leading all players with 21. Carolyn Cote also had a strong game for the Owls, recording a match high 36 assists.

With the split the Owls record moves to 11-8 on the season. The team will travel to Springfield, Mass. this weekend for the three-game Tom Hay Invitational.



Carole Duquette goes up for a spike against RIC. She had 11 kills in 16 attack attempts in the Owls second game on Saturday, which they won 3-0.

Tim Rich leads Westfield football over Plymouth State, 31-0



The determined and disciplined Westfield defense played its third consecutive dominating game in a 31-0 victory at Plymouth State.

Matt Stover Voice Reporter

The Westfield State football team moves to 3-1 as they jump all over Plymouth State, 31-0. Led by senior quarterback Tim Rich, Westfield captured their first win

in the series after 11 meetings with the Panthers of Plymouth.

Westfield's first touchdown was set up by a 36-yard pitch and catch to Kane Terilli from Rich, which put the Owls on the one yard line.

The sophomore running back out of Wilbraham, Mike Mer-

cadante had his number called as he punched the ball in, giving the Owls a 7-0 lead halfway through the first quarter.

In the contest, Mercadante did his job on the ground, compiling 79 yards and two touchdowns.

It was all Westfield from there as the defense had Plymouth State stymied from the start.

The Owl's defense only allowed 105 total yards of offense, and added two turnovers, both interceptions.

Nick Adam's collected his second interception return for a touchdown on the season early in the fourth quarter.

Helping the Owl's pursuit of a shut out was Kevin Duffy who was all over the field tallying 13 tackles.

Joey Shisler added an inter-

ception, which stopped Plymouth's only real shot at the end zone late in the second quarter.

Wide Receiver Kevin Nicol paced the Owl's offense with 115 receiving yards on four catches.

Westfield plays host to the Rams of Framingham State (4-1) on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 1 p.m.

Both teams are undefeated in conference play, and sit atop the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC).

The Owls will try to keep their momentum going and move into sole possession of first place after their game next Saturday.

The Owls lone loss against Nichols in their first game of the season has been long forgotten as they are currently on a 3 game win streak and they hope to keep their streak alive against Framingham.

Overthinking It: Peyton Manning has more determination than ever this season, and the weapons to succeed

Joey Cooper Sports Editor

Following the National Football League's (NFL) opening game between the Baltimore Ravens and the Denver Broncos, it was telling that history would be made in the 2013-2014 season.

Peyton Manning's seven touchdowns on opening night against the defending champions was a glimpse of what was to come with Denver's loaded receiving core.

In what has become a crowded area, with only so many balls to go around, four different Denver receivers are on pace for over 1,000 yards receiving.

Demaryius Thomas, Julius Thomas, Eric Decker and Wes Welker are also chasing history with 11 regular season games left.

With no excuse of falling short this season, Manning isn't allowing his weapons to go to waste with 20 touchdowns to only one interception. No other quarterback in history has thrown for more scores in the first five games, a record previously held by Daunte Culpepper in 2004, with 18.

Manning, 37, posted a 78.6 completion percentage this past weekend in Dallas, also referred to as Jerry's World in a game he posted 414 yards passing moving him into second place all time in passing yards, with 61,371, passing Dan Marino.

Through the first five weeks of play in the NFL, among qualified players Manning leads all quarterbacks in completion percentage, total yards, yards per pass attempt, touchdowns, fewest interceptions, fewest sacks, passer rating, and total

quarterback rating (QBR).

The Broncos have scored 230 points this season, on pace to score 736 points with 11 games remaining. By comparison, the 2007 New England Patriots with a regular season record of 16-0 scored 589 points. No team has ever reached the 600 point mark.

To put what's happening into practical terms, the Broncos scored 51 points on the Dallas defense Sunday, the same amount their week six opponent; the Jacksonville Jaguars have accumulated the entire 2013 season.

Adding to the trend of breaking records, Denver opens up as 28 point favorites over Jacksonville in a line by Las Vegas Hotel, tying the largest spread in NFL history.

In what could be one of the most prolific seasons in NFL history, Manning is doing all of

this at 37 years of age. Manning's first of 15 years in the NFL began in 1998, when most college students were still in the early stages of grade school, if at all.

It's only natural for his age to eventually become a factor in slowing down his record setting pace, although statistically over Manning's career, he has managed to gradually improve season to season throughout his illustrious career.

Some notable games coming up for Peyton's Broncos include trips to his old home in Indianapolis and a haul up to Foxboro, to meet the Patriots on Sunday Night Football.

Joey Cooper is a senior communications major and the sports editor of The Westfield Voice.

WSU Public Safety Crime Log: Oct. 4 to 9

<u>Date & Time of Incident</u>		<u>General Location</u>	<u>Incident Nature</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Oct. 4	12:32 a.m.	Scanlon Hall	Malicious Destruction	Open
Oct. 4	12:34 a.m.	Scanlon Hall	Malicious Destruction	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 4	12:58 a.m.	Scanlon Hall	Assault and Battery	Open
Oct. 4	11:25 a.m.	South Lot	Expired Driver's License	Summons
Oct. 4	05:26 p.m.	Commuter Lot	Unlicensed to Drive	Summons
Oct. 4	07:54 p.m.	Davis Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 4	10:03 p.m.	Parenzo Road	Liquor Law Violation	Arrest
Oct. 5	01:42 a.m.	Davis Hall	Malicious Destruction	Open
Oct. 5	02:51 a.m.	New Residence Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 5	02:51 a.m.	New Residence Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 5	02:51 a.m.	New Residence Hall	Malicious Destruction	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 5	05:59 p.m.	Commuter Lot	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 5	06:15 p.m.	Davis Road	Drug Law Violation	Citation
Oct. 5	10:23 p.m.	Courtney Hall	Fire Alarm	Open
Oct. 5	11:26 p.m.	Apartments Courtyard	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 6	02:48 a.m.	South Lot	Drug Law Violation	Citation
Oct. 7	11:02 a.m.	Commuter Lot	Drug Law Violation	Citation
Oct. 7	05 to 06 p.m.	Scanlon Hall	Extortion	Open
Oct. 9	01:40 a.m.	Courtney Hall	Drug Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct

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at the same time being a financial conservative that stresses job creations and lower taxes. Baker may not be the most conservative candidate, but he is a good man with good politics and a great candidate for Governor this upcoming election.

I'm aware this is just a brief introduction to the candidates and their politics, but I will write more about the race as news develops and election time gets closer.

Matt Carlin is a first-year political science major and is the corrections editor and the conservative columnist for The Westfield Voice.

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In adopting a hat as your signature piece you must accept the responsibility of hat etiquette:

- You must promptly remove your hat upon entering an elevator, restaurant, or someone's home.

- Never wear a hat while eating a meal.

- You must touch the brim lightly while greeting a friend and raise the hat by the crown (not the brim) when meeting a woman in public.

- Above all, remove your hat during the national anthem and place it over your heart.

The best advice I can give is go to a hat shop and try on hats until you've chosen some that fit your style or need.

Josh Minardi is a sophomore environmental science major, president of the WSU Republican Club, and a columnist for The Westfield Voice.

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lieve," another one of my favorites—a politically

aware track calling for revolution and liberation: "When the screaming of revolution / came down to a gentle hum. / If we believe in liberation, why are we still sitting down? / And are we just living, hanging around, waiting for something to fall from the sky?"

The album begins to calm down a bit again with "Poison In" and "Pile O'Bones," but picks right back up again with "Consistency In Skepticism And Awareness"—a song that calls for skepticism in everything you see and hear, as well as awareness of political and social issues.

The album ends with "East Coast Stars," celebrating those that do good for the sake of helping others, not for any kind of recognition or reward.

This album is by far one of the best that I've heard so far this year, and I highly recommend blasting it at full volume. The album can be purchased digitally for the low fee of \$7 at <http://absinthrose.bandcamp.com>.

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"Funeral for a Friend." This nearly eleven-minute-long combination piece is considered to be a fan favorite, which is why John frequently plays it song in concerts.

The album's sixth track, "Grey Seal" was re-recorded for the album, as it was originally released as the B-Side to John's 1970 single, "Rock and Roll Madonna."

John considered releasing "Harmony," the album's last track, as a fourth single, but he did not issue it at that time because the release of the single would have come really close to the release of his following studio album, *Caribou*.

"Harmony" was released as the United States B-Side to "Bennie and the Jets." Back in the 1970s, "Harmony" became popular while it was played on FM stations, such as Boston's WBZ-FM. In June 1974, "Harmony" was placed at #1 on WBZ-FM's charts. In 1980, "Harmony" was released as a single in Britain, but it did not chart. The song is considered to be a favorite among many John fans. Occasionally, John will perform the song in concerts.

"Goodbye Yellow Brick Road is arguably Elton John's best album," said Meredith Winnett, a senior communication major at Westfield State University. "It has many classics on it and a few lesser-known songs that are still incredible."

"My favorite song off the album is either 'Goodbye Yellow Brick Road' or 'Funeral for a Friend,'" said Winnett.

Winnett said that what is so special about the album is that she can listen to it over and over and never really get sick of it. "I really hope they do make a sequel to the Goodbye Yellow Brick Road album!" said Winnett. "It would be fun to hear remakes of the songs with collaborations from other artists."

Tim O'Malley, a sophomore special education major at Westfield State, said about Yellow Brick Road "[It is] truly a classic album because almost every track on it could be on a greatest hits album." O'Malley said his favorite song on the album is "Candle in the Wind."

O'Malley said that in regards to his favorite Elton John albums, it is a tie between Goodbye Yellow Brick Road and Honky Chateau because he finds both of them to be "classic John albums."

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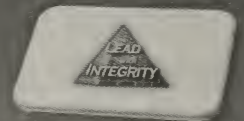
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Horoscopes

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
You might find yourself coming to odds with that demon blender you got at the yard sale about this time last year. The stars recommend an iron hammer when it isn't looking.

Taurus
(April 21 - May 21)
Do not remember that which you are trying to forget. Remember, do not under any circumstances try to remember that thing you are trying to forget. Get away from whatever is trying to make you remember; destroy it if you have to.

Gemini
(May 22 - June 21)
Aspire to even greater things. You are intelligent enough to know your limits, or more specifically how you are limitless. Do not let anyone stop you.

Cancer
(June 22 - July 22)
Yes what you feared is going to pass. No, it won't be as bad as you think. Yes, you are going to get through it. Yes, it can happen again. No, there is nothing that can be done.

Leo
(July 23 - August 23)
If a Leo roars in a forest and no one is around to hear it, does it even really matter? Does anything matter? The stars don't know anymore. The stars don't care. Just don't go around roaring in forests, ok?

Virgo
(August 24 - September 22)
When your alarm goes off in the morning, do not hit the snooze button. Instead, use that time you would use hitting the snooze button to try and find beauty in the void.

Poll Question: What did you think of this week's edition? a) It's great! b) It's okay c) Horrible d) Whatever
Answer online at westfieldvoice.com

Libra
(September 23 - October 22)
You will probably not want to use excessive body paint this week. People might wonder why, and they will not like the answers you give them. The people aren't ready for you yet. One day, though...

Scorpio
(October 23 - November 21)
No matter how cute baby animals may be, they are not helping you in your productivity. The stars advise that this week you remove anything in your life that might remind you of cute baby animals.

Sagittarius
(November 22 - December 21)
You are going to go to bed one night and start thinking. Don't do that. Thinking in bed at night solves nothing. It only gives you headaches of the worst kind.

Capricorn
(December 22 - January 20)
There will be a stranger sitting in a corner of a room somewhere where you will be this week. Try talking to them, and maybe they won't try to sell you something. You might be able to sell them something instead.

Aquarius
(January 21 - February 19)
Listen to your favorite song, and then ask yourself what makes it so special to you. If it's nothing, you'll be glad knowing that aspect of your life was a lie and be able to move on. If not, you'll have a deeper appreciation of that song.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 - March 20)
Look at yourself and then do something about it. There are no excuses you can make to yourself, unless you're delusional... oh wait that's more common than we thought. Oh well.

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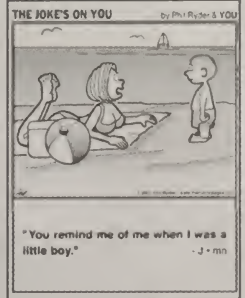
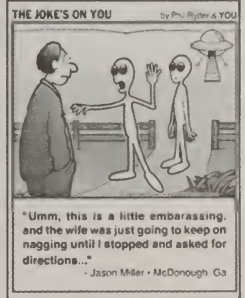
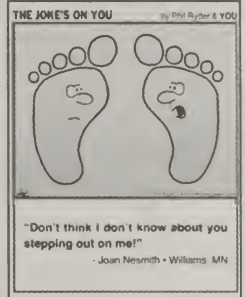
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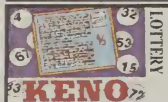
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Students and faculty come together to celebrate the life of Emilee Gagnon

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

A vigil and celebration of life was held for Emilee Gagnon last Thursday. Gagnon was a 2013 alum of Westfield State University who passed away after a fatal car accident in Ohio last month.

Rebecca DiVico, Olivia Dumas, and Alexis Wagner were the principal organizers of the vigil, which took place in the Dever Auditorium.

The event featured a scripture reading and prayer from Rev. Kim Murphy from the Second Congregational Church on Western Ave.; a message from President Evan Dobelle; reflec-

tions from students, faculty, and staff; a musical selection; and a special time for the family.

Dumas, a representative of the class of 2015, pegged the attendance between thirty and forty people, which was more than the planners had expected.

The idea for the event came from a collaboration between DiVico, the vice president of student life for the Student Government Association; Sue Lamontagne, dean of students; and Kim Morgan from Student Affairs.

When DiVico heard of Gagnon's passing, she immediately asked Lamontagne what could be done.

The ball really started rolling when Morgan got involved. DiVico said that Morgan "never left [her] side."

About the memories that were told, Dumas said, "A lot of people were sad but the stories they told were happy."

DiVico added that the "memories were pretty funny."

Wagner, who is the SGA executive secretary, said that a lot of the people on campus are "inspired by her regardless of how close they were with her."

She added that students "express their admiration with the way she lived her life."

Faculty shared their thoughts, with particular emphasis on her strong Honors thesis that she presented this

past spring.

Gagnon's thesis, "Revolutionary Beauty: Five Twentieth-Century Women Artists' Challenges to the Western Art Canon," was a combination of her passions for art history and gender equality.

Emilee's parents, John and Celia Gagnon, were presented with a collection of student and university publications that make mention of Gagnon as well as a matte portrait signed by the vigil attendees.

A collection box was also taken up as part of the fundraising effort for the naming of the event space in the Ely Library for her. President Dobelle approved of the naming last week.

TRUSTEES MEETING LASTS HOURS



PHOTO BY DAVE BACKO/THE REPUBLICAN
President Evan Dobelle at the Oct. 16 special meeting of the Board of Trustees. The meeting had been in executive session for more than nine hours by press time.

The board of trustees has been meeting in executive session for more than nine hours (as of press time).

This is the latest in a controversy, which has been the subject of constant media attention focused on the university.

Dobelle was being investigated for spending university money for extravagant travel and a multitude of personal expenses.

The board has been rumored to look into approving handing Dobelle a thirty-day suspension with pay.

The board is also looking into investigating his San Francisco trips during the possible suspension.

A more extensive report could not be attained by press time. The Westfield Voice will continue coverage online when more information is available.

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News from other schools

The Daily Collegian,
UNIV. OF MASS., AMHERST
The Protect Our Breasts group began their "Don't Pink About It, Think About It" campaign here this week. It raises awareness for breast cancer.

Springfield Student,
SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE
Steve Roulier represented Springfield at the Ironman competition. He is the school's director of marketing.

The Huntington News,
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
Women's soccer went from winless to 3-0 this past weekend. The team beat College of Charleston, U of N.C., and Hofstra. They are now 3-6-3.

The Daily Campus,
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
A fire of unknown origin started at the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity house. No one was at the house at the time, so no one was injured, but the student-occupants did lose textbooks, computers, and clothes. Members of the Skydiving Club responded before the fire department and are considered heroes.

The Daily Orange,
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
The SU chapter of Nourish International is selling Halloween costumes to fund sustainable projects in impoverished countries. The costumes will cost anywhere between \$1 and \$15. They have been using social media to get the word out, which has been successful.

Texter crashes

Editor's note: This story originally appeared in The Westfield News. It is republished here with permission.

Carl Hartdegen
Staff Writer
The Westfield News

A Westfield State University student was arrested and a West Springfield man was taken to the hospital after a vehicle operated by a person sending a text message ended up on its side in the middle of King Street Friday evening.

A caller reported at 9:59 p.m. Friday that a vehicle was on its side on King Street and said that nobody was trapped and nobody appeared to have been injured.

Officer Stephen Gonglik responded to the crash and found, contrary to the initial report, a male passenger lying on the tree belt who said that he was suffering severe abdominal pain after he had been ejected from the vehicle, a 2003 Jeep Wrangler.

The injured man, who had been seated in the rear of the vehicle, said that he had not been restrained by a seat belt.

The injured man was transported by a Westfield Fire Department ambulance to Baystate Medical Center where no information was available.

Gonglik reported that another young man, later identified as Tristan S.

Fenton, 21, of 644 Armory St., Springfield, said he was not injured and said that he had been operating the vehicle prior to the crash.

Fenton told Gonglik that he and his two passengers had been returning from a WSU rugby tournament when the crash occurred.

Gonglik reported that Fenton said, "I was texting behind the wheel and the next thing I remember the Jeep was on its side."

Gonglik noted an odor of alcohol about Fenton who denied drinking alcohol.

But, when asked to breath toward the officer from a distance of about a foot, Gonglik reported he noted a distinct odor of alcohol.

He said that when he illuminated Fenton's face he saw that the man appeared to have been crying and his eyes were red and glossy.

Gonglik detailed how Fenton attempted a variety of field sobriety tests.

He reported that, although Fenton said that he is a WSU junior, he was unable to recite the alphabet without singing it and failed other sobriety tests despite repeated efforts to perform them correctly.

Fenton was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and a marked lanes violation.

He was released on bail from the police station and was arraigned Tuesday at Westfield District Court.

Pike tolls take effect

Tolls on the Massachusetts Turnpike for the first six exits took effect Tuesday, Oct. 15.

The table below shows the toll schedule for the exits 1-6.

The exits are as follows:

Exit	1W	2	3	4	5	6
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4	1.60	1.20	.25	--	.25	.25
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6	1.75	1.35	.45	.25	.25	--

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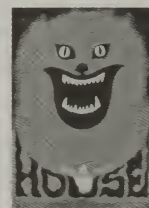
TWO HALLOWEEN HORROR CLASSICS

Frankenstein (1931)

directed by: James Whale // starring: Boris Karloff, Colin Clive, Mae Clarke, John Boles

In what many regard as his definitive role, Boris Karloff plays Frankenstein's monster, a hideous yet sad being made up of the sewn-together limbs of dead men. Based on Mary Shelley's novel, this film along with "Dracula" helped to kick off a long line of old Hollywood horror classics that remain Halloween staples today.

Friday October 25th, 7:00 PM
Wilson Auditorium C



House (1977)

directed by: Nobuhiko Ohbayashi // starring: Kimiko Ikegami, Miki Jinbo, Kuniko Oba, Ai Matsubara

"House" is a film that truly defies definition. The New York Times called it "Delirious, deranged, gonzo or just gone, baby, gone." The Criterion Collection says it "might have been beamed to Earth from some other planet." Seven girls go to a haunted house where they encounter an evil watermelon salesman, a demonic house cat, and a bloodthirsty piano among other cartoonish terrors. This balls-to-the-wall insane horror-comedy is guaranteed to be one of the strangest, most unbelievable films you'll ever see in your life.

Wednesday October 30th, 7:00 PM
Wilson Auditorium B

Corrections to last week's issue of The Westfield Voice

In the front page article entitled, "Dobelle talks to Student Government in first public address," President Dobelle did not specifically say that the new academic building was not going to be built. He did instead say that the building construction is going to be delayed. This was an error made during the editing process.

In addition to these headline errors, there are many typographical errors present. We are working hard to review each page before sending it to print. Find an error? Contact our Assistant Managing Editor, Matthew Carlin, at mcarlin6141@westfield.ma.edu.

SGA starts talk on location for future Commencements at Oct. 15 meeting

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

Oct. 15 marked another swift and productive meeting for the Student Government Association. While last week's meeting was very brief, this meeting, however, held a very long discussion which was the longest this year so far.

Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, began her lengthy report by introducing her guest speaker Liz Preston, vice president of academic affairs, for a short question and answer session about anything for the senators.

Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2015, asked the vice president to touch upon SMART grants. Preston answered by saying they are funds designed to go toward traveling students to either present or conduct research. The awarded foundation gives \$10,000 every new school year to make the grants available.

After Preston was finished, Fote took the podium and continued her report. She encouraged all senators to check out the Historic Third World Organization Art exhibit in the Ely Library. The art show features historic prints of murals that were formerly housed in the university's Third World Room. Dr. Carlton Pickron, Vice President, Student Affairs, added that, "In our year of celebrating the 175th anniversary of Westfield State University; this is a significant part of the school's history."

The Madam President then opened the floor to all underclassmen senators for their voices to be heard pertaining to the location of Commencement exercises for the class of 2015 onward. The information was to be brought to the next All-University Committee meeting.

Most if not all of the

questions were about the issue of having graduation on the campus green as opposed to the MassMutual Center in Springfield.

Olivia Dumas, representative of the class of 2015, stated that she has never been to a Commencement on the campus green, but she has heard horror stories about them. Dumas' point was that, logistically, there is not enough space to fit everyone on campus for the Commencement parking-wise and space for people to enjoy.

The word "logistically" got passed around a good number of times during the topic.

Tom Durkee, representative of the class of 2014, agreed with Dumas. Having been to three Commencement ceremonies on the green, Durkee recounted that it was hard to see, hear, and bear the spring heat for two to three hours on the green due to the fact of there being too many people. He believes it is more prudent to hold Commencement at a convention center that can house everyone while providing comfort to people from the unpleasantness of nature.

Senator Joshua Clark, a member of the All-University Committee, chimed in on the situation with a unique perspective on the matter. The senator explained that the class of 2015 and those behind them have not experienced a Commencement on the green. This means the school is moving into new traditions and territory when it comes to setting the standard going forward into the future. He added that it would be nice to have Commencement on the green, but logistically it doesn't work.

Executive councilmen Josh Frank, vice president of finance, added that holding the Commencement in the MassMutual Center would save the university

\$50,000 because the tent that covers the green costs that amount.

Andrew Dalesandro, SGA advisor, stated that as each class gets larger, it is more likely the school would have to hold a limit of only four family members per graduate, just like they already do at the MassMutual Center, if it were on the green.

Senator Jennifer McDiarmid, parliamentarian, said that the MassMutual Center is one of the only places in Western Massachusetts that could fit everyone and she also said "[t]he Mullins Center is the only other place but I don't want to graduate from UMass."

A motion was made to close the long discussion, it passed unanimously and the meeting continued.

Fote closed her report with giving thanks to Peter D. Mazza for being at the meeting. The room that the Student Government meets in is named after Mazza, who was a well-respected vice president of student affairs at the university.

The All-University Committee report was given by Joshua Clark and he reported that the committee reconsidered a vote for the Commencement 2014 being on Friday or Saturday.

The original outcome was 5-6 against Friday, however, four people changed stances and the new vote was 2-10 meaning 2 were in favor of Friday and 10 for Saturday. Both decisions were sent to President Dr. Dobbelle.

Brittany Walters, a designate from the Community Relations and Fundraising Committee, gave an up lifting report by thanking everyone who volunteered and donated at the blood drive. She reported that the Red Cross told the committee that it was the busiest they had in while. 169 stu-

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Alumni Weekend is the go-to event this week

Jessica Bausemer
Voice Contributor

This coming weekend is Alumni weekend at our campus.

I'm sure the rest of you are just as excited as I am about visiting with your friends who have graduated.

During my freshman year, I had a few friends who were juniors and seniors, living in old apartments.

Getting ready to go over there on the weekends with my roommates was exciting: dressing up, straightening our hair, listening to loud music we were always told to turn down.

Compared to the cramped triples in Davis

and Dickinson that everyone lived in my first semester here, Olds was huge, with room for all of us to hang out and, on some occasions, dance.

Now, I've taken their place with my own apartment in New Hall. It is a time to catch up with your close friends, but it's also a time to reflect on how far you've come since you've known them.

The Alumni events taking place this weekend are not just for Alumni; they're open to all students.

The main event is the Mardi Gras Themed Alumni Homecoming, taking place on October 19th.

This centers on the

upcoming football game between Westfield State and Mass Maritime.

The first event I would recommend going to is the WSAA Executive Council's Annual Tailgate Party, which will be held outside of the Horace Mann building from 11:00-12:30 on Saturday.

There will be food and performances featuring Billy G and the Blue Zone, a band with a funky, blues sound. Remember students; going to this event can be a way to get credit if you need to see a performance for any of your music courses (ultimately depending on your teacher's rubric, of course).

This event will end

with a bang, when the band Big Fun will be second lining us, Mardi Gras style, over to the football field. For those of you who may not be familiar, "second lining" in a parade means you are a walker who joins into the parade in the back.

If you won't be able to attend the Mardi Gras celebrations of the morning, you can at least try to come out to support the Men's soccer team at their game against MCLA at 11:00 or Women's Alumni Basketball at 12:00.

The main homecoming event, which is at the Alumni field behind Woodward, goes on from 1:00-6:00pm.

Tickets to this are

\$5 for students and \$10 for general admission. This is a great event to bring your family to, as there will be a Kids Zone with different activities for your siblings, a food service with drinks (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) available for your parents, and food for you, if sure you can convince your parents to buy you some.

Big Fun will still be playing at the field, as well as Westfield's own Big Band.

The football game against Mass. Maritime begins at 2:00, so come out and support your school and celebrate with your family, Alumni friends, or your friends still on campus.

From the Westfield State University Reading and Writing Center

The first of two free MTEL ComLit workshop series presented by the Reading and Writing Center for students who will take the MTEL ComLit for the first time will be held next week in Bates 225 as listed below. Students may register at the RWC in Parenzo 218.

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5:00 – 6:30: Reading subtest

6:30 – 8:00: Writing subtest: Grammar

Wednesday, October 23

5:00 – 6:30: Writing subtest: Summary

6:30 – 8:00: Writing subtest: Composition

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The Conservative View: Trip to D.C. proves to be disappointing in light of shutdown

Editor's Note: As of press time, the government shutdown was ongoing. Congress had not passed its budget bill yet.

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Over the long weekend, I took an enterprising trip to our nation's capital. As you can refer to in my October 4th article, I am not so supportive of the government's current shutdown status.

Not to completely reiterate the old article, I am thoroughly shocked by this turn of events from our elected officials. Not only have they failed their job but they have also failed us.

In the recent few days congress has had four presidential "sit downs" with President Obama, and none of the meets have borne much fruit. Both sides desire an end to the federal government shutdown, and the avoidance of yet another default on our loan payments. However, neither side has an excuse as to why they cannot band together.

The Republicans, headed by John Boehner, are demanding future negotiations on the budget (including cuts into Obamacare) before they vote for a lift on the shutdown. They aren't com-

pletely wrong in their demands, the budget is out of control and the Affordable Care Act has placed a more than needed heavy toll on the budget.

Now, I don't agree with the fact that both sides are holding the American people hostage in this political showdown, I do, however, agree that a balanced budget is needed for a prosperous America and a way to allow for better economic growth.

Republicans are using this need for a balanced budget to make political demands, and the president who should know that a second default in his presidency would not be a good mark.

Despite all that, House Republicans are under tremendous stress from voters who fail to realize it is not their fault. I won't go into that again, but for America's sake look at the facts!

Democrats, led by our rational leader, President Barack Obama, still hold a resilient line of defense against the increasing demands from House Republicans.

The President has made it more than clear that he will not agree to any negotiations until after the House reopens the government and increases the debt ceiling. This means that Obama has no plans to rework the budget or allow for any modification on his

Obamacare. In fact, I would be so bold as to accuse the President of being the main agitator in this whole mess and the force against progress.

Liberals call the Republicans efforts a pure offensive in favor of Tea Party radicals, and people are actually buying it... People, the house isn't promoting any "agenda" except for a simple, yet logical budget cut to allow for a reduction in our more than 16 trillion dollar debt.

While I was in Washington D.C., I visited several locations and took pictures (see the online edition for the galleries) of the scenes around me. It's almost like a scene out of a George Orwell novel: a majority of the population continues to go about their day with no care whatsoever, while a minority of the population stand in protest and question the world around them.

Those walking by the minority whisper to one another about the craziness of the protesters, saying: "it's not so serious" and, "I don't understand why people make such a big deal out of it."

I asked several people on the street for their opinion with not much success, only getting jumbled attempts at explanations, with one going as far as saying, "It's just a ploy for the government to get extra vacation time."



PHOTO BY MATT CARLIN

The U.S. Capitol glows in the night as Americans wait for Congress to act on the government shutdown.

Despite such responses, I sat down with a Federal employee, Bradford McKeen, who works in the Federal Security Exchange, and asked a few questions about the shutdown and the effect it has on peoples' lives. When confronted with the general overview of the scene around the capitol, he seemed almost reluctant to respond.

However, he did say, "To summarize everything that the question demands into a single response would be a bit much, but at best it can be described that it could have and should have been avoided."

For Brad, the furlough didn't affect his department much, due to a reserve from the previous fiscal year the SEC was able to keep nearly all of its employees on for the duration of the partial

shutdown. Though he was not directly affected, there were those around him who were not so lucky.

"Though the SEC was not hit hard, our work has been. We work very closely with the Reserve, however, since there are basically four people on duty for business and their systems are closed, I have to hand deliver projects from around our building to their building."

He then went on at length about how it wasn't the physical labor that proved to be problematic, but the fact that he had to be out of the office for around an hour each trip thus losing that time to work on his ex-

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Letter to the Editor: A petition needs to be signed to investigate Lynn soldier's death

Dear Editor,

I am interested in getting awareness out about the unjust death of Lynn, Massachusetts Iraq war veteran, Denis Reynoso, 29.

He was shot and killed in his own home in front of his child by the Lynn Police Department on Sept. 5, 2013 at approximately 11:10 a.m.

On that day Denis Reynoso was at home due to being disabled from serving in Iraq and was watching over his five-year old son. Mr. Reynoso had gotten into an argument with an unknown person in a grey car outside of his home, which was 'a brief shouting match', as told by a neighbor, and was then diffused when the unknown person sped away.

The same neighbor stated that Mr. Reynoso had gone inside of his unit, the neighbor heard nothing else, and the next thing that was heard by her was a loud bang a few minutes later.

Another neighbor confirms he heard the same loud bang and took coverage near a door in his apartment. Three police officers responded to a disturbance call at the unit 46 apart-

ment where Denis Reynoso had lived with his fiancée and two sons.

Reported by the Lynn Police Chief Kevin Coppinger, is that the three officers entered the home for the disturbance call, without a warrant, at which point Mr. Reynoso allegedly reached for an officer's gun during a struggle and was fatally shot three times in the torso.

Reynoso was taken to Union Hospital in Lynn, where he was later pronounced dead. At the time of the shooting Reynoso was unarmed, had no traces of alcohol or drugs in his system, and the police had found no weapons or drugs in his residence.

The fiancée of Denis Reynoso, Jessica Spinney, confirmed the report that "Denis was shot three times in the torso, was unarmed and that police found no drugs or weapons in the home. The shooting occurred in front of my 5-year-old child!"

It was not clear what set off the initial disturbance that prompted the police to respond with deadly force.

Due to department protocol, the three officers were put on paid leave;

none of which were injured nor identified and to this day there is no suspect in custody.

Denis Reynoso's Fiancée stated, "If this was somebody on the streets that went in and killed Denis Reynoso, that person would be behind bars right now... Why is this person still able to work? Why is that person able to go home to his wife and children, if he has them, and I'm not? ... I just want an answer why three police officers went into my house and couldn't control the situation, apparently, and had to use deadly force."

Spinney said, when asked if she believed the incident was murder: "Getting shot three times is not because of self-defense or because you feel your life is in danger; shooting somebody three times is so you can kill them."

The two-story brick apartment where the shooting occurred remained sealed off with police tape in news reporting videos.

In a close-up on the unit 46 door you can see the wooden doorframe with damage and splinters around the door lock and on the ground as if there

was forceful entry. Denis Reynoso had been a United States Army veteran of Sapper Company 182 from Newburyport, Massachusetts. Prior to his unexpected death, he had honorably served his country in Iraq.

He had just passed the Massachusetts Firefighter Exam with hopes to become a member of the Lynn Fire Department.

He had no prior criminal record and was described by many neighbors as a 'family man.' Other neighbors commented furthermore that the family has always been very nice. Adding that they were quiet and had never heard any disturbances from them.

Reynoso was never known to be the type to fight anyone, especially police officers inside of his home in front of his children. The victim's family firmly stated that: "He would never reach for an officer's gun!"

"The truth will come out, whether it's tomorrow, in a month or in a year," Spinney, his fiancée said. "And this person will pay for what they did, and if they don't pay by justice or the law, God will take care of what happened."

This situation sparks

up the question of Denis Reynoso's fourth amendment of protection from illegal search and seizures by law enforcement being violated, along with a multitude of other unanswered questions.

The family of Mr. Reynoso and the community of Lynn, Massachusetts are seeking justice for his sudden and seemingly unjust death.

To further assist in finding justice for the family and the community of Lynn, I greatly encourage you to sign the petition on Change.org.

When you get on the website, search "Lynn Mass. Mayor Judith Kennedy, and Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick: Provide an independent investigation into the murder of Iraq war veteran Denis Reynoso, in his home, by the Lynn Police" to sign.

The direct link to the petition can be found online at www.westfieldvoice.com.

This petition will take no more than a couple minutes of your time. It is again greatly appreciated and thank you all for your time.

Thank you,
Samuel Rios

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From the Editor's Desk

This week we have hopefully moved closer to a clear path toward closure in this debacle surrounding President Evan Dobelle. The board of trustees' meeting held on Wednesday started the process toward removing this ugly stain on the history of this university.

The rumored suspension is the first clear thing that the board could have done that makes any indication that they are invested in bringing an end to this.

Granted, the supposed suspension has been made muddled by the political rhetoric that has come from Boston and the campus community alike, but the suspension is what should have occurred in the first place.

An investigation into the spending habits of the president, who has done more good for this institution "in five years than some have in thirty years" (using Chairman Jack Flynn's words there), is utterly ridiculous and cumbersome.

It placed undue negative attention on this university and publicized a matter that is supposed to be dealt with internally.

An investigation that is private, objective, and internal is the best investigation, in my opinion.

The independent report—audit for all intents and purposes—was not something that should have been used publicly.

Publicly releasing the fact that the board has ordered an investigation created a media hailstorm for the board that has proven to be very difficult to shoo away.

It also invited the attention of the lame duck governor, the virtually powerless commissioner of education, the complacent secretary of education, and the attention-grabbing attorney general.

It caused the commissioner of education to urge for the freezing of the (kind of) essential two million dollars needed for the academic building project. (Dobelle said in last week's SGA meeting

that he would pull from the reserve to make up that loss.)

It also caused Dobelle to attempt using the Whistleblower Act to his advantage, hire a crisis public relations firm to deal with the fallout, hire a high-powered Hartford lawyer to deal with his legal proceedings, and (most likely) begin the process to look for a settlement.

If Dobelle's claim that he self-reported all of these expenditures are true, and the university tightening its policies was as a result of the self-reporting, then Dobelle is in trouble for the second time regarding these expenditures.

How much trouble can a person get in for the same thing?

Campus reacts

Coincidentally, after Dobelle began his speaking tour across campus, the faculty and student body started to vocalize their disdain or support.

Professors like Thomas Gardner in Communications and Elise Young in History have vocalized their seemingly unrelenting support for Dobelle, who in their view, has done so much to increase student travel to foreign countries for J-terms and expand the international programs office to allow more students to study abroad.

The many professors that are against Dobelle seem to be quiet, even though there were 138 who cast no confidence ballots this past Wednesday.

The students have been getting riled up too. While the Student Government Association has shied away from making a comment one way or the other, there are most certainly individual students who are vocal.

There has been a group that formed disseminating anti-Dobelle literature across campus. "Students for the Firing of Dobelle" have put up posters, left pamphlets out, and even infiltrated

Wednesday's board of trustees' meeting.

The pamphlet, entitled "Your Campus, Your President, & You," features the subtitle, "Throw Away Kids Fight Back," and is supposedly authored by "The Real Change Agents."

The logo on the front of the pamphlet seems to depict the former logo of Apple Computer with a clip art of a hand holding a pencil in a stabbing fashion superimposed over it. The Apple logo with the stabbing hand is being tossed into a trashcan.

The front page of this pamphlet is interesting by itself. I am most definitely unsure as to what exactly is going on but what I do know is that the phrase "throw-away kids" is definitely taken out of context.

Dobelle was using the phrase "throwaway kids" in the Boston Globe interview to mean the students who do not make it into the Ivy Leagues or the other hoity-toity private schools.

The phrase "throwaway kids" is meant to be derogatory not to the students but to the private institutions for not seeing the value in providing these students a top-notch college education, something that Dobelle feels Westfield State provides.

On the inside, under the heading, "What You Can Do!" the pamphlet encourages its reader to "[l]ook out for students at campus hot spots like Ely Hall and the Commuter Café handing out letters expressing our extreme frustration. These letters will be signed and handed over to the Board on Wednesday the 16th!"

I am very happy to have not seen any of these students that were to be handing out these letters. As of press time, I have not come into contact with anyone who saw them either.

These students are making a mockery of the process of getting involved with such an already politically bloated situation. Letters

to the Editor are fine; speaking to a newspaper is fine, even talking on the television is okay.

But when you are interrupting hurried students with these letters of complaint that mean absolutely nothing to the board of trustees, I get perturbed.

I doubt that the board of trustees even reads my editorials with any degree of seriousness.

It is not because what I write is not well-written or what the "Students for the Firing of Dobelle" write is not well-written, but it is because they have enough trouble keeping up with the mountains of paperwork related to this controversy as it is, let alone reading students' opinions, which they may already know.

I write my editorials for the campus community. Everyone from President Dobelle down to the average student has the ability to pick up this newspaper and read my editorial. It is a choice.

Forcing the board of trustees to read silly and arbitrary letters written by an organization that is anonymous to the general student population is incredibly asinine and foolish.

While Dobelle's supposed suspension brings closure to this whole debacle, we all need to reflect on our opinions of this matter and make a conscious decision to move on.

The business of the university needs to continue henceforth in a positive light. The rest of this university's 175th anniversary should not be marked with such negatively perpetrated by its students, faculty, and staff when the news media does a good job of it already.

"Onward and upward."



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Candidate Profile: Republican Don Humason

Editor's Note: We asked both candidates for the 2nd Hampden and Hampshire State Senate seat to answer the same questions for their candidate profiles for The Westfield Voice. This week, we are printing Republican candidate Don Humason's answers. We will run Democrat David Bartley's answers next week when we receive them.

Q: What exactly qualifies you to run for State Senate?

A: I have represented the city of Westfield in the Massachusetts House of Representatives since January 1, 2003. I am currently in my 6th term as a member of the House of Representatives. From 1998 to 2002, I was the Director of Legislative Affairs for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health & Human Services, the largest of all the state secretariats, and served under two Secretaries and two Governors. And I

served as the Chief of Staff to Senator Mike Knapik, the legislator whose seat I am running for, from 1991-1998. Four of those years were in the House while the other four years were in the Senate. I have worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts since I graduated from Westfield State College in May of 1989. I have over 24 years of experience in state government in all three branches: Judicial, Executive, and Legislative. From the first time I ever ran for office (as a student at Westfield State College in 1986 when I ran for Student Senate), I have known that public service was what I wanted to do.

Q: What can you offer that is different than your opponent?

A: I offer actual experience in the Legislature. I know the process, and the people, and more importantly, they know me. Of the 39 current State Senators, 24 of them

are former State Representatives. The House is a proving ground for the Senate. I have written legislation, worked on different committees, debated on the House floor, negotiated with other legislators, and taken real votes. I don't have to talk during a campaign of what I would do if I were in the legislature. I've done it. I have a proven record and decades of experience.

Q: How do you plan to represent all of your towns, cities, and precincts equally?

A: Each of the 11 cities and towns in the 2nd Hampden & Hampshire District have their own unique set of strengths and challenges. From the very rural towns like Montgomery and Tolland to the very urban cities like Holyoke and Chicopee, the important thing is to listen to the constituents and local officials, continue to learn from them, and work with them on the issues they think are

important for them. That could be local aid, road projects, state grants, tourism, signage, taxes, etc. I'm confident I can represent all my communities well because that's what I have done as Westfield's State Representative for 11 years.

Q: What are some of your legislative successes? Failures?

A: My priorities as a legislator have always been to provide balance, transparency, integrity, and accountability to our state government. Sometimes that happens and sometimes that doesn't. It's not always easy to be a member of the minority party and watch while the majority party controls the process. Legislatively, I've been very successful in passing legislation that "paved the way" so to speak for the Great River Bridge renovation project that saw millions of dollars of new construction and redevelopment to the bridges over the West-



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Don Humason

field River, as well as the creation of new open space park land. I served on the 6 member Conference Committee that wrote the safe driver bill that banned texting while driving in Massachusetts. As the Chair of the MA Legislative Aviation Caucus, I have led the fight to protect Barnes Airport, Westover, and the aviation industry in Massachusetts. My successes over the 11 years I've served in the House are too numerous to mention. As far as failures, I've been lucky. There haven't been many.

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Shutdown affects everyone

Editor's Note: As of press time, the government shutdown was ongoing. Congress had not passed its budget bill yet.

Kylie Isenberg
Voice Contributor

It may not seem as though the government shutdown has affected your life, well, not yet. If this government shutdown continues, a lot of summers will be ruined with all the National Parks closed.

National Zoo's and Museums are also shut down, and most of these attractions are free. Those who are less fortunate will have a boring summer if this

issue isn't resolved.

Eventually individuals won't be able to drive around and waste gas since jobs have been furloughed.

A government shutdown does not seem so drastic since most students' lives have not been affected, but the individuals who have been affected are struggling to get by at the moment.

College students lucked out in this recent shutdown since they have no need to take the SAT's again, which could be later affected. Also, if a

student isn't able to receive their federally funded Pell Grant, then the institution will float the check for the cost of the tuition.

However, they are not required to make a disbursement until they receive the funds. (It is very unlikely that these Pell Grants will be affected though.)

I'm sure that if this shutdown is dragged on for a couple of months, the government will find a way to affect every individual, even though it is not up to the people to fix this mess.

iOS 7 causes nausea for users

Kylie Isenberg
Voice Contributor

Recently, Apple came out with a new platform update called iOS 7. It features many new functions such as animated switches between apps, and moving icons when the phone is tilted side to side.

These new features are fascinating and appealing to some users, however to other users it creates nausea. Users have compared this feature to reading in the car, and getting seasick when on a ship.

This nausea is created when the signals coming into the central nervous system and brain

don't match up.

You don't see the change because you're focused too much on one object that isn't moving. It leads to mixed messages in the brain that are related to rotational and orientation axis; this creates dizziness and nausea.

When Apple was creating this app, I'm sure this issue was not taken into consideration. For the future they will probably create an update that allows the user to disable the zoom animation. Now that Apple has dis-

abled the downgrading back to iOS 6, users are left with one simple option. They are able to go into their settings, click general, then accessibility and then they can enable the reduce motion function. This function will disable the parallax effect on the home screen.

It is interesting to see how Apple users are complaining about this animation feature, when Android has had these features for quite some time now, and users are satisfied.

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Gentlemen's Weekly: A perfectly tailored suit is definitely a necessity for all men

Josh Minardi
Voice Columnist

Imagine it, going to pick up your date for the big dance. While walking up to her door, you're feeling good, with your nice new suit.

But wait, your suit feels...uncomfortable. You're not sure why. Then you realize what it is. You forgot to get your suit tailored. Trust me, this is not a situation you want to be in.

Fit is one of the most important aspects in making you appear professional and mature in your suit.

Without proper fit, even the richest man in the most pure cashmere suit comes across more as a rube than a rake. All suits need to be properly fit for your body; this will require a few simple alterations.

Shoulders are the first thing that you check when you try on the suit. Virtually any other alteration is possible and not terribly expensive.

To get shoulders taken in however can cost upwards of \$100 and is rarely worth it. The shoulders on your suit jacket should end where your shoulders naturally end.

The linebacker look of the 80s and 90s is atrocious and needs to stay in the past. If the shoulders don't feel right, or if it feels too tight or roomy, then don't buy that suit.

Once you have a properly shouldered suit, you can go to a tailor and begin your other alterations.

The first alteration every suit needs is to get the sleeves shortened. Ideally you should allow 1/4" to 1/2" of shirt cuff to show when you're resting your hands at your side.

In most cases, this

equates to having the suit jacket end where your forearm meets your hand. To understand further what I mean by this, look at Cory Grant and Fred Astaire, some of the great icons of men's fashion and notice how they follow this rule.

Walking around, you will notice scores of men who leave their sleeves unaltered.

As a result, they look like boys playing dress-up in their father's suits. This alteration will allow you to look more professional while at the same time making you stand out from many of your peers. It is small, but it makes a huge difference.

The second alteration is to have your pants hemmed. You have a couple decisions to make on this front.

Your first one may be whether to cuff or not cuff; cuffs are the more traditional option. Cuffs add weight to the bottom of the

pant, allowing the fabric to drape naturally. When done right, it looks clean and classic. If your trousers are pleated, cuffs are the best options. However, remember to wear your trousers at the proper height. Hike the waist band to your natural waist (around your navel).

Non-cuffed trousers are generally better suited for slim, plain front pants. These hug your body better and don't require the extra weight of a cuff to make them drape properly.

The second decision you must make is deciding the break of your trousers. The break is the degree to which a pant extends down your leg, ranging from a full break to no break.

A full break extends to the top of the heel on your shoes and generally covers about 2/3 to 3/4 of the laces on your shoe. A full break is best for wider legged, pleated trousers. It is a traditional, classic look, popu-

lar with many older men and those who adhere to the rules of dress.

No break is when the trousers end at the top of your shoe. This look is best for slim, flat trousers. When you walk or sit, your socks will be out for everyone to see. While not as popular, it can look rakish when pulled off well. A no-break trouser looks best with a cuff to weigh down the bottom of the pant.

Half-breaks are a compromise between the two breaks above. The pant hem ends at about 1/2 to 2/3 of the way down the shoe, allowing a slight fold where the cuff hits your shoe. Half-breaks are suited for trousers of all types and finishes.

So, you have your sleeves and trousers squared away. Now it's time to focus on your jacket's waist suppression. *see MINARDI on page 18*

The Liberal View: Columbus Day? More like Leif Ericson Day in reality

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

It seems everyone looks forward to Columbus Day as a day off of class or work; however, there is something unacceptable in the meaning behind the holiday.

Not only was Columbus not the first person in the European world to discover America, but tipping our hats to Columbus every year is celebrat-

ing the raping, pillaging, exploitation, and genocide of indigenous people and culture. Lest we forget that after the Spanish conquest that overturned the Aztec empire between 1519 and 1521 led to disease, famine, and rape of thousands of indigenous tribes.

The attractions to the New World also led to the founding of the colonies and the push of Manifest Destiny, which in turn ruined the lives of American

tribes.

Though this happened over 500 years ago, there remain signs of past European oppression and influence everywhere in Latin and North America. Ranging from symbols of Christianity to less than adequate Reservation conditions. Still most American's observe this decimation of people as a reason to celebrate.

15,000 Mapuches, a group of indigenous people living in Chile, marched in

protest this past weekend for human rights and the returning of lands. (A large amount of these native people live in poverty, and struggle with living conditions such as clean water and access to other crucial resources.) Many protests similar to these end with students either brutalized by police or arrested.

In Mexico, thousands marched to acknowledge Indigenous Peoples' Day rather than Columbus Day.

The problem with this holiday is that people don't seem to think about what kinds of traditions can actually be very hateful. It is in every sense celebrating the genocide and continual oppression of Natives.

I also believe that celebrating this is the equivalent of celebrating transatlantic slave movements as well as racial stereotyping.

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From 'The Voice' Vault

Confusion remains in WSC scandal

This article was published in the September 22, 1986 issue of The Westfield State Owl.

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When students at Westfield State College first learned of a payment made by their college to a fellow student, confusion existed as to why the payment was made.

Now, after the indictment of Dr. Francis J. Pilecki and the investigation by Rudolph Pierce, the confusion remains.

Questions as to why state officials with knowledge of the student's complaints failed to act still remain.

Also unanswered is why the Board of Trustees did not investigate the reasons why the student's education was lacking.

With all the unanswered questions and confusion surrounding the scandal at Westfield State College the facts of what has happened seem distorted.

The following chronology of events is being printed with the aim of helping clear up confusion as to what has actually happened at the college.

— December 1985: The mother of a student complaining about a sexual assault informs the Hampden County District Attorney about the incident. When no action is taken by the D.A.'s office, the mother complains to state representative Henri Rauschenbach who informs the Board of Regents and the Chancellor of Higher Education, John Duff.

— Dec. 31, 1985: The chairman of the Board of Regents, David Beaubien, meets with Gov. Michael S. Dukakis about the complaint. Dukakis tells Beaubien to take care of the issue. The complaint is forwarded to the attorney general's office.

— Jan. 2, 1986: University of Massachusetts Chancellor Joseph Duffey meets with Pilecki at the Hotel Northampton at the request of Duff and Beaubien and reportedly confronted Pilecki with the charges of sexual assault.

— Jan. 7 and 10: The student's mother meets with temporary Education Chancellor James Finnegan, Vice Chancellor Roger Schinness, Regents Attorney James Samels, Rauschenbach, and the attorney for the state colleges, Mark Peters. The group work(ed) out an agreement where the student receives \$10,000 and free schooling in exchange for a promise that he will not sue the college or any associated party. Rauschenbach and the mother say later that part of the agreement had Pilecki resigning.

— Jan. 17: Pilecki is granted a sabbatical leave from the Board of Trustees to pursue a project he had been working on that allowed homeless youths to attend college. Around the same time, Duffey offers Pilecki a consulting job at UMass.

— Jan. 29: The settlement — referred to as a "memorandum of agreement" — is signed by then chair of the trustees, Charles Hapcook, after it was approved by the Board's three-member executive committee. The agreement made no reference to sexual assault; rather it states it is to settle a "controversy" over the quality of the student's education. Hapcook does mention an "assault complaint," but goes on to other issues. The \$10,000 payment is then taken from the college trust fund and drafted into a check.

— Feb 11: The check is cashed by the student.

— First week in March: An anonymous four-page letter addressed to Dukakis, the regents. And all media appears. The letter contains allegation involving Pilecki and other WSC employees

and says the \$10,000 payment was made to settle a complaint of sexual assault. The letter is also circulated in the college cafeteria and is spread throughout the college and community.

— March 11: Pilecki resigns as president of Westfield State saying he has accepted a position at another institution. Later, the position is identified as a consulting job at UMass.

— Early May: A \$70,000 consulting project is added to the state budget by the Senate Ways and Means Committee at the request of Finnegan.

— June 2: The "Valley Advocate" obtains a copy of the agreement by use of the Freedom of Information Act and the agreement is first published. The student's mother says the payment did not concern an academic deficiency.

— June 5: The attorney general's office will not say whether or not they are investigating the incident, as is their policy. Peters says the payment and the assault complaint are unrelated. WSC faculty expresses anger over the "education deprivation" clause and says they were never approached by the trustees.

— June 6: The student who received the \$10,000 settlement is the same student who complained of sexual assault, said Peters. But he said the two incidents were unrelated.

— June 9: The Board of Regents issues a statement similar to Peters.

— June 10: Hapcook expresses discontent over not being informed of the sexual assault complaint.

— June 12: State Auditor Jon Finnegan's office says it has concerns about the payment and will investigate. D.A. Matty Ryan receives information about the complaint from Francis X. Bel-lotti attorney general.

— June 16: Faculty, staff, and alumni call for an independent investigation into the sexual

complaint.

— June 17: The Board of Trustees says the settlement was a result of the "conduct of a college official."

— June 18: The Hampden County grand jury hears testimony about sexual assault allegations involving a high-ranking WSC administrator and a student.

— June 19: The payment is called "questionable" by Finnegan. Also, Professor Robert Brown says he has a list of 20 students who have reportedly been assaulted by Pilecki.

— June 20: Pilecki is identified as the high-ranking college official. Judge Pierce is asked to investigate the scandal by the Board of Regents at the request of Dukakis. The student's mother says she never asked for the money and it was Samels who proposed the payment.

— June 24: Pilecki is indicted on four counts of indecent assault and battery of an adult by a grand jury. Pilecki is reported to be at McLean's Hospital in Belmont suffering from depression. The state comptroller's office asks for the return of the \$10,000 because it was drawn from an account not acceptable for legal settlements.

— June 25: Dukakis asks the trustees to suspend Pilecki without pay. Pilecki is arraigned.

— June 30: Pilecki is suspended without pay, but retains his medical benefits and remains in McLean's Hospital and does not attend a meeting between his lawyers and the trustees.

— July 9: Dukakis criticizes the regents for their handling of the settlement. Pilecki's lawyers offer a non-guilty plea on his behalf.

— July 30: Philip Kennedy, WSC's director of fiscal affairs, says that the payment was drafted at the request of Pilecki.

— Aug. 22: The grand jury retires for the month and announces it will return in September.

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Top 10 Singles

1. Lorde - Royals
2. Katy Perry - Roar
3. Miley Cyrus - Wrecking Ball
4. Avicii - Wake Me Up
5. Drake - Hold On, We're Going Home
6. Ylvis - The Fox
7. Jay-Z - Holy Grail
8. Robin Thicke - Blurred Lines
9. Lady Gaga - Applause
10. Lana Del Rey - Summertime Sadness

Top 5 Albums

1. The 20/20 Experience (2 of 2) - Justin Timberlake
2. Nothing Was the Same - Drake
3. Pure Heroine - Lorde
4. Crash My Party - Luke Bryan
5. Redneck Crazy - Tyler Farr

Top 5 Movies

1. Gravity
2. Captain Phillips
3. Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2
4. Runner Runner
5. Prisoners

Upcoming DVDs

1. The Internship
2. Before Midnight
3. The Conjuring
4. Only God Forgives

Musical Theater Guild's production of Rent is certainly sure to please

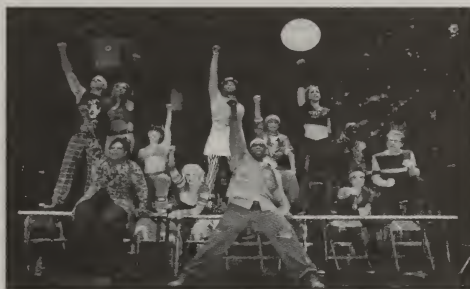


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A photo from another theater troupe's production of *Rent*. The Musical Theater Guild is putting on their rendition of the show this weekend.

Andrew Morin Voice Contributor

Well, it's that time of the year again and Westfield State's completely student-run Musical Theater Guild has been working extremely hard on their fall production!

This season, the club will be presenting *Rent*. The story takes place in East Village of New York city and revolves around love, drugs, and rock and roll.

The story follows a group of young singers and artists through a year of their lives dealing with heartbreak, addiction and friendships all while dealing with the AIDS epidemic of the early 90's.

The cast of twenty has been working extremely hard over the last month and a half under the direc-

tion of seniors Elizabeth Godding and Dani Collette. Musical directors Kerry Turok and Kayleigh Keller have been working effortlessly to remove the kinks in every song with both the vocal ensemble and the instrumental section of the group.

Choreographer, Jen Guimond, has taught the cast everything she can and the dance numbers are going to be some of MTG's best yet.

Stage Manager Alex Potter and Assistant Stage Manager Ryan Morrissey are currently weeding out all of the bugs with the crew to ensure a flawless show.

This season has been especially difficult for the club as a whole. Not only is *Rent* an extremely difficult and vocally straining show, MTG has been espe-

cially affected by the death of Emilee Gagnon, a close friend to many in the cast, as well as the loss of many other close family members and friends.

However, as they say, the show must go on and freshmen Daniel Garrity has proven that nothing will set him back.

In addition to his fantastic vocals, Garrity makes the perfect witty and pretty cross-dresser that Angel Dumott Schunard ought to be. MTG was lucky to have such a young actor come in to play this role.

MTG was also fortunate to cast three other freshmen in lead, principle parts of *Rent*. The beautiful Rachel Cofsky, whose vocal ability and unique character style have added diversity to the show, plays Mimi Marquez, the hopeless romantic stripper.

She even went from blonde to brunette just to feel more in character! Morgan Doherty, playing Maureen Johnson, a lesbian di-hard actress, has astounded everyone with her resonant singing voice and diva-like character work.

Another freshman, Paul Barrett, has pulled his weight by playing Tom Collins, the gay, sincere part-time college professor in love with Angel, showing off his extraordinary vocal range and talent as an ac-

tor.

Senior Barrett Tamar-Leddy plays Mark Cohen, the voice of the show, narrating as the story progresses and catching every moment on film.

Sophomore Connor Swan was born to play the part of Roger Davis, the depressed, junkie guitar player that falls for Mimi. He's proven this with his amazing tenor voice and divergent character choices.

Tessa Newell, a junior, plays the part of Joanne Jefferson, the lesbian lawyer in love with Maureen. Her unique vocal ability and amazing skills as an actress have added a special dynamic to *Rent*.

Finally, senior Jerry Greene plays Benny Coffin, the evil landlord and former roommate of Mark, Roger, Collins, and Maureen. Each principle character has brought a different piece to the table in an effort to make *Rent* one of the most unique shows MTG has ever seen.

The ensemble characters and pit also bring their own talents to each rehearsal and everyone leaves after feeling inspired and confident in a brilliant show. The production staff has met on a weekly basis since the beginning, ensuring an unforgettable show.

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Knowing to Cook: Food is love — Food Profile of Rose Cashman

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

Rose Cashman, my mom, was taught how to cook by her Nana. "When I was a little kid, all of the holidays revolved around going to my grandmother's and having these huge Italian feasts. It was very much about tradition and family," she said.

My mom is of Italian descent, and as you all read last week, amongst cooks, being Italian is wonderful. She grew up on lavish pasta dishes and always arriving home to the smell of tomato sauce.

Over the years, my mom matured as a cook, graduating far beyond the cuisine she grew up with. I have had the blessing to have been raised with her cooking, which has

ranged from roasted chicken to curry.

Food has grown far beyond a means of energy for her. She said, "Food means love and family. It's more than just a means of fuel. It's about gathering people together and cooking for them and showing them that I care for them."

For my mom and I, food is less about what is being eaten, and more about who is eating it. I have adopted my mom's love of cooking and of hosting.

Like her, I love gathering people together and sharing a wonderful meal with them. She has greatly influenced me in that way.

"I am of the Julia Child school: everything in moderation," she said when asked about diets. "I think as a country we eat too much meat and fat; I am much more into the farm-to-table

idea: everything as fresh as you can make it. However, I'm not going to be a Sugar Nazi and not make cookies for Christmas."

My mother, like all of us who love to cook, has a dream kitchen. "My dream kitchen would be twice the size of the one we have at home.

It would have a big island where you can prepare your meals. There would be a big stove and wall oven. I'd have lots of wood and granite, and lots of space for people to gather. I always think of a kitchen as a gathering place, where everyone can be happy," she said.

My mom, like myself, thinks that most of the good recipes should remain family secrets. However, after much pleading, she finally gave in and I have a wonderful recipe for French Toast for you all!

Buona Tavola!

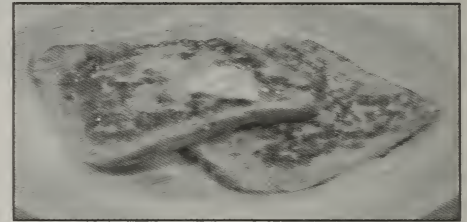


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French Toast

Ingredients:

1 loaf Challah Bread
6 eggs
2 cups milk
1 Tbs sugar
Cinnamon to taste

Instructions:

1. Slice the Challah into pieces of desired size.
2. Crack eggs into large mixing bowl.
3. Add milk, sugar, and cinnamon. Mix well.
4. Butter and heat large skillet.
5. Soak Challah pieces in milk mixture. (Note:

depending on the size of your Challah loaf you may have left over mixture.)

6. Slap them onto the skillet and cook approximately one minute per side, until the pieces are golden brown.

7. Serve with coffee, crispy bacon, and fruit salad.

Ryan Cashman is a sophomore communications and theatre arts double major and the food columnist for The Westfield Voice.

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Musical Theater Guild Presents *Rent*



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Album reviews: Zues draws influence from Beatles

Lyndon Seitz

A&E Editor

Zulu Winter: Language -- Atmospheric rock that tries to create a big sound and succeeds more often than not. They actually are more successful the more synths they use, as they work best with the vocal styles. While it can sometimes get a little repetitive, this doesn't happen often enough to stand out glaringly, and the uses of tempo this group uses are interesting and catchy. I like the path the album takes you on, and I would generally say it's worth a listen.

Zues: Say Us – I got a stronger classic rock vibe than usual from this band, in the vein of The Zombies more than anyone else. There is a low-fi vibe to this band, and the music takes a while to grow on you.

If you like The Strokes, you'll probably like this band, as the two seem to use the same phrasing and progressions on some songs.

They also use Beatles influences heavily (although what band doesn't). In fact, the easiest way to talk about this entire album is to talk about the incredibly blatant and clear influences

of other artists on this album. Still, it might interest certain listeners and its strength lies in the variety it provides the listener.

WishesandTheives: Lighthouse EP – This EP has a lot to offer. It has a very interesting production to it, and that is the strongest part of this set, as well as a restrained kinetic energy to it that makes you want to keep listening.

The vocals are nothing special, but they get the job done with the help of the production and the wonderful sense of timing that can be found here. You don't get tired

of anything on here. This is worth checking out.

Wiretree: Make Up – Some indie rock that is above par. It contains your standard instrumentation, and some good songs such as "MTH," which even then follow a pretty basic structure.

I would state here some of the more unique qualities of the album, if it had any. I didn't notice any to speak of. While it's not bad in the least, you can almost certainly find better. If you can find it without too much money or effort go ahead, just don't expect your mind to be blown.

Wintersleep: Hello Hum – Rock with a good deal of piano and synths in addition to the standard guitars. It is hard to define other than by talking about the layers of sound like those found on "In Came the Flood."

One of the criticisms I have though is that the diction of the vocals leaves much to be desired. It sounds good, but for those of you wondering what the lyrics are you might need to consult the internet.

The music can get a little boring over time, and it's easy to get away from. It is a nice listen, but it's not for everyone.

Ars poetica

Perservere by All Means

Buried deep in a bleak place;
overcome with melancholy.
Once so much joy, now things seem so unclear.
All the energy moving about is ingrained with
negativity.
What to do? Which way to turn?
Self-doubt makes its presence known.
"There all against me, clearly I'm not prepared to
sustain this."
A choice so simple to vocalize is complex to accept.
Do I stand my ground?
I must, I should, if only for the benefit of my
flight.
Shall I follow the leader?
I ask myself these questions simultaneously.
Their shrieks of tumult rain down on me.
Such thoughts and expressions of disgust seem too
much of an outcry to my stature.
Their plays are evident to me.
They conspire to debunk me from my station.
Due to their ignorance, they're unsure whether I'll
falter.
Unbeknownst to them the ancient game of chess
has just begun,
And too the victor goes the spoils!
C'est la vie!

These poems have been submitted to The Voice by T.J. Hall, a junior student at Westfield State University.

If you have poetry of your own to submit, you can send it to thevoice@westfield.ma.edu to have it reviewed by our Arts & Entertainment Editors before publication.

The Exhaltation

Against all odds, you're faced with doubt; which is
fear.
Left out in limbo, an epiphany consumes you,
a realization that "the ties that bind have
been broken."
Against all odds, self-determination breeds confidence.
Will power, an inner strength triumphs over adversity.
The "self," however so determined, must walk the
gauntlet.
Against such odds, a decision can help or hinder
your cause.
Once it's resolved, all things manifested will ultimately
deliver a surplus in your bounty.
Having knowledge of this process breeds wisdom,
and understanding against any odds!

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'Despicable Me 2': Not as good as first movie

J.R. Nieb

Voice Contributor

On July 2, 2013, Universal Pictures released *Despicable Me 2*, which grossed \$83, 517, 315 opening weekend, becoming the second highest-grossing film of 2013, being beaten only by *Iron Man 3*.

Many critics gave the film positive reviews: Audiences gave the film an "A" for a poll by CinemaScore.

"It may not be as inspired as its predecessor," said Rotten Tomatoes, a movie website. "But *Despicable Me 2* offers plenty of eye-popping visual inventiveness and a number of big laughs."

Soren Anderson, a reporter for the *Seattle Times*, who gave the

film two and a half stars out of four, said that it was fun, cheerful, and "lollipop-colorful." "Best of all, it features lots of minion mischief, which guarantees plenty of laughs," said Anderson. "But what it doesn't have is an edge."

Students at Westfield State also share similar, positive opinions regarding the film:

Kayla Awiszus, a junior, elementary education major at Westfield State University, said, "My favorite part of the movie was when Gru dressed up as the princess even though Edith knew it was him, she went along with it." She then commented that she liked the scene because of its cuteness.

Awiszus said that comparing *Despicable*

Me 2 to *Despicable Me* was, overall, a close call. However, Awiszus said she personally enjoyed the first film a little more.

"Gru is always my favorite because I love Steve Carrell," said Awiszus, "With Kevin the Minion being a close second." Awiszus said she thinks there is a possibility of either a third *Despicable Me* movie or a minion spin-off.

"I love *Despicable Me 2*," said Paige Hendrickson, a junior, computer science major at Westfield State University, "It was really funny."

Hendrickson said she liked the movie because it focused more on the minions and had a good story line, although it was predictable.

"My favorite charac-

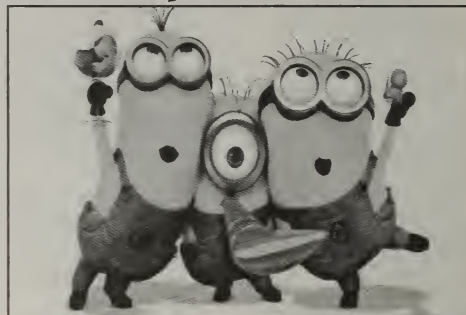


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ter is of course, Edith," said Hendrickson. "She's so cute!"

Hendrickson said she liked all the songs in the movie because they fit well within the story.

"I don't think I would want to change anything about the movie," said Hendrickson.

Hendrickson recommends this movie to other people because it's funny and a good movie

to boost your mood.

Hendrickson said she thinks liked the first *Despicable Me* more because it wasn't what you would expect.

Although she does not think there should be a third movie, Hendrickson said she definitely thinks there should be a minion movie spin-off because the minions are hilarious and very entertaining.

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Men's Soccer beats Salem State 4-0 for 4th win of season



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Sophomore Kevin Bengle chases down the ball in a game against Salem State. Westfield State prevailed 4-0 to move to 4-8 on the season.

Joe Pinto
Priscilla Aguilar
Voice Contributors

On Saturday night, October 12, Westfield State men's soccer team clinched a crucial MASCAC win against Salem State. The Owls were able to shut out the Vikings 4-0; the shutout was only the third of the season for the men's team.

Scoring came early and it came fast for the home team. From the opening whistle the Owls were able to apply ample pressure and get plenty of numbers forward. The results of early pressure paid off as Westfield netted three goals in the first twelve minutes of the first half.

The first to score was sophomore Kevin Bengle 1:37 into the game with an assist from senior captain Dan Brady. A couple of minutes later, junior Dominic Cavallini found the back of the net after taking some open space on the left side of the field. He was assisted by senior captain Eric Andreski. Westfield State's constant movement and passing on the field allowed them to score another goal, unassisted, in the 12th minute made by senior captain Dan Brady.

Some standouts in the game were senior mid-fielder Kristian Dricoll and Matt O'Neil. Their crafty play, footwork, and hard nose tackles in the middle of the field gave the Owls the edge they needed to maintain possession and control the game.

The Vikings were unable to set up much of an offensive play

because of the strong defense that Westfield State kept throughout the game. The entire backline (along with senior goalkeeper Kris Carrington) shut down the Vikings offensive scoring opportunities. They were only able to get 7 shots off in the whole game, while the Owls had 19.

In the second half of the game the Owls still looked strong and hungry for more goals. The 4th goal came in the 76th minute by some cunning play by Dave Anderson, a senior forward. Off the bench, he was able to energize the offensive attack.

Dave dribbled the ball past a few defenders and entered the box, dishing a perfectly weighted ball to sophomore Zach Horn. Horn received the ball in front of the Salem State keeper Nondas Kargakis, avoided the tackle and scored

the Owls 4th and final goal of the game.

At the end of the game, Head Coach John Evans was asked a few questions on how he felt about the victory. Evans noted that the victory came from the Owls playing the way that they practice, defending well and playing balls out wide, while getting attacking numbers forward.

The communication the Westfield State men's soccer team displayed on the field had been the best by far this season. With their communication, they were able to stay composed and control the tempo of the game.

Coach Evans also went on to say the team is growing with confidence at the perfect time of the season. The Owls are connecting well and seem to be on the rise

For more analysis on this game, see Ryan Sances' article on page 16.

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Westfield State Men's Cross Country team finishes first at the James Earley Invitational at Stanley Park



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The Owl's XC team finished first at the James Earley Invite after starting strong

Joey Cooper
Sports Editor

The Westfield State men's cross-country team places first in the 18th annual James Earley Invitational Saturday, Oct. 12, a

home meet in Stanley Park beating Division II Siena College.

Westfield State took home the top spot with 77 points to Siena's 84 points, led by sophomore, Tim Shea, who finished third overall running a time of

28:08.02.

For his efforts, Shea was named Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) men's cross-country runner of the week.

This year's invitational played host to 35 teams,

with a field of 347 runners competing.

Westfield State's Ben Parzich, a freshman from Agawam, came in with a time of 26:29.89 – good for sixth place overall. Parzich earned rookie of the week honors in the MASCAC for his results in the invitational.

Finishing two seconds apart were sophomore Mike Skelly and freshmen Chris Williams, finishing in 20th and 21st, respectively.

Senior Mike Kelleher finished 27th with a time of 27:05.89 on the 8k (5 mile) course.

The Owls had 10 runners finish in the top 60 in the popular invitational.

Trailing second place Siena was Williams College (96 points), Babson College (115 points), and The

College of Saint Rose (144 points).

Coming off three second place finishes in 2012, the men's cross country team has rallied in 2013 placing first in three of their first five invitational's.

The Cross Country team has 4 more invitations before the regional championships begin. The team hopes to continue their dominance with more first place finishes, giving them confidence entering the championship races at the end of the 2013 season.

Almost at the halfway point in the season, the Owls look to keep momentum rolling when they travel to Springfield, Mass. October 19, for the Western New England Invitational. The team hopes for another 1st place finish.

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Men's Soccer beats Salem State 4-0

Ryan Sances
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State men's soccer team turned in its best performance of the season on Saturday, beating Salem State, 4-0.

The game was over almost as quickly as it started with the Owls racing out to a 3-0 lead just 12 minutes into the game.

Sophomore Kevin Bengle opened the flood gates for the Westfield offense knocking home the opening tally just 1:37 into the contest.

Just minutes later,

junior Dom Cavallini scored to add to the Westfield lead. An unassisted goal by senior Dan Brady, just after the 12 minute mark, pushed the lead to 3-0. Sophomore Zack Horn added a late insurance goal to secure the 4-0 Owl victory.

Dan Brady, Eric Andreski, and Dave Anderson provided the assists on the Westfield goals while senior goalkeeper Kris Carrington was perfect in the net, posting his third shutout of the season.

With the win the

Owls improve their record to 4-8 overall and 2-2 in Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) play this season.

The Owls continue will play host to the MCLA Trailblazers Oct. 19, 11 a.m. at Alumni Field for their fifth MASCAC game on the year.

In the upcoming week the team will play Rhode Island College at home Oct. 22, and travel to at Worcester State Oct. 25, to play the Lancers and hope to improve their record.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events	Upcoming Owls Athletics Events
Friday, October 11th W VBall vs Plymouth State L 2-3 Saturday, October 12th W Golf at Wellesley College Invite (no score) W VBall at Springfield College L 0-3 Field Hockey at Framingham State L 1-2 W XC vs James Earley Invite 7th Place M XC vs James Earley Invite 1st Place M Golf at ECAC Division III Championship (no score) W VBall vs Roger Williams L 0-3 Football vs. Framingham State L 15-17 W Soccer at Salem State W 3-2 M Soccer vs Salem State W 4-0 Sunday, October 13th W Golf at Wellesley College Invite 7th Place Tuesday, October 15th W VBall vs. Salem State W 3-1 Field Hockey vs Smith College L 1-2	Thursday, October 17th W Soccer vs Elms College 7:00 p.m. Friday, October 18th Field Hockey vs. Worcester State 7:00 p.m. Saturday, October 19th W XC at Western New England Invite 10:30 a.m. M Soccer vs. MCLA 11:00 a.m. Football vs Mass. Maritime 2:00 p.m. W VBall at Mass. Maritime 3:00 p.m. W VBall vs Pine Manor College 4:30 p.m. M XC at Western New England Invite 11:15 p.m. Wednesday, October 22nd M Soccer vs Rhode Island College 4:00 p.m. Field Hockey vs. Keene State 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 23rd W VBall at MCLA 7:00 p.m.

Overthinking It: Fans have the right to jeer players, but how far can they go before crossing the line


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Fans always have been and always will be hard on their team, because they expect the best. However, cheering an injury is over stepping the line.

Andrew Burke

Layout Editor

Booing is a staple of professional sports. Heckling is a worldwide pastime. However, all too often, fans forget that athletes are humans, not machines.

When people pay money for something, they expect it to be working at its peak performance at all times. Whether it is a pencil sharpener or a sports team, they expect the best. Fans account for the majority of income for any team, and their opinion is a factor into front office decisions, but fans can also make their opinions known in unconventional ways that are tasteless and borderline illegal.

Matt Schaub and the Houston Texans have started this season contrary to what most people anticipated. The team is 2-4 and Matt Schaub has thrown a "pick six" in four straight games, an NFL record.

Before the game on Sunday, one angry fan arrived at Schaub's house "told him off" and another took pictures of his family and posted them on Facebook.

In their loss against the St. Louis Rams, Schaub exited the

game with an injury to his right ankle after a sack by Chris Long. Fans cheered his injury, knowing that back up, T.J. Yates, would enter the game.

Fans often subconsciously disregard the fact that athletes are regular people off the field. The media portrays athletes as top tier people, and fans feel that they have the right to berate them because of their occupation. Nonetheless, cheering an injury of anyone is not only distasteful, but also embarrassing.

Texans players called the act "barbaric", "tasteless", "disgusting", and regarded it as having "no class." However, this is not the first time, nor the last, that something like this has happened and will happen in professional sports.

After the Kansas City Chiefs started 1-4 last season, Matt Cassel was injured with a concussion and had to be helped off of the field. Fans cheered and Chiefs players had similar reactions to the Texans players.

"When you cheer somebody getting knocked out, I don't care who it is, and it just so happened to be Matt Cassel, it's sickening. It's 100 percent sickening. I've been in some rough times on some rough

teams, I've never been more embarrassed in my life to play football than in that moment right there," Chiefs offensive tackle, Eric Winston, said regarding the incident last season.

Cheering injuries is not something that should be condoned, but it is not the worst thing that fans have done in the past. The 1961 home run race between Yankees teammates Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle, Maris received hate mail, death threats, and invasive fans around his home because they wanted Mantle to break Babe Ruth's record of 60 home runs instead of him.

Media portrayed Maris as a villain, effectively turning fans against him.

"They [The fans] acted as though I was doing something wrong, poisoning the record books or something. Do you know what I have to show for 61 home runs? Nothing. Exactly nothing" Maris said.

Racism in sports was at its peak when Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball in 1947. Not only did he receive negative reactions from fans, but also other players, coaches, and umpires. The St. Louis Car-

dinals threatened to strike if they had to play against Robinson and Phillies manager, Ben Chapman, would yell racial slurs at Robinson from the dugout.

The professional life and personal life of athletes is often blurred together by fans, reporters, and media – taking away privacy. Booing a player's injury can revive memories of actions that fans have taken in the past, and how far society has come in accepting people for who they are.

Last season, Jason Collins became the first openly gay player in the NBA and of the four major sports in the U.S.: basketball, baseball, football, and hockey. Many of his former teammates and athletes around the sports world, Barack Obama, Bill Clinton, and David Stern commended him for having the courage to come out and be proud of who he is.

While he is still pursuing an NBA career, he has yet to sign a contract since becoming an openly gay athlete.

There are still people who do the right thing and respect the hardwork that athletes have to put in to get to where they are

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dents signed in to give blood and only 35 were differed. At least 400 lives can be saved with the amount blood given and it's a great number.

Barbara Hand, SGA advisor, also added that the blood drive had 61 new members, which is the highest they ever had for newcomers.

Steve Kligermen, vice president of programing, reported that the 84 tickets for the Six Flags Fight Fest sold out quickly and was pleased to see much interest in the event.

Josh Frank gave is financial report by announcing the Musical Theater Guild production of "Rent" at the Dever Stage. 7:30 p.m. performances on Thursday, Friday, Saturday night with a 2 p.m. show on Saturday. The prices are \$2 for children and students, \$4 for faculty and alumni and \$6 for general admission.

Brittany Moniz, president of the class of 2014, accepted the resignation of Kasey Gately as her SGA designee of the fall 2013 semester.

With no new business, the meeting adjourned and the SGA closed out their busy meeting. The SGA has accomplished a lot so far, but school year as just begun.

Those who missed opening role call where; Kasey Gately, Luis Arzola, Adam Lamontagne, Amy Macdonald, Molly Miller, Ashley Erskine, Brooke Laroche, Yaira Castellon-Torres, Lisa Lennon, and Samantha Pellegrini.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be Oct. 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

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I can't think of any at the moment.

Q: How would you be a strong advocate for public higher education?

A: That's what I'm a proud graduate of the Westfield public school and of Westfield State College. I graduated in 1989. My sister went to Holyoke Community College and WSC. My mom is an HCC and UMass grad. I am a Corporator of Westfield State University and my wife Janice, whom I met while we were students at Westfield State, was on the

Alumni Association Board. So my family knows the value of public higher education. UMass, WSU, and HCC are economic drivers in Western Mass. They employ thousands of people and educate even more. The colleges bring people into our area from all over the world. I belong to the Public Higher Education Caucus in the Legislature. I served for 2 terms on the Joint Committee on Higher Education. And I make sure to support legislation or budget items that help our public institutions of higher education. I took a particular interest in legislation that would prohibit college textbook publishers from bundling their textbooks and other products thus driving up the cost to college students. Every year I look forward to coming up on campus to speak to the Student Government Association at Westfield State and answering questions from the students. I made a commitment when I first ran for the House to offer internship opportunities in my Westfield and State House offices to college students in my district. I intend to do the same thing when I am elected to the Massachusetts State Senate.

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tended projects (work that is done over a period of time rather than the day by day routine).

Before ending our interview, I asked him what he recommends to solve the solution.

His response was this: "Raise the debt ceiling to restart the government, then make a budget where instead of going into debt it's at the very least balanced, then spend every resource to get us out of the debt." A simple yet profound (at least in terms for the government) answer, that brings out more questions than it answered. My trip to the nation's capital was both enlightening and relaxing; activities ranging from walking around the city to hanging around the suburban areas. I saw symbols of America closed down, and our Supreme Court building under renovations. I saw men and women standing around in protest and then go about their day like nothing was unusual. This government shutdown is one of the most depressing events for any patriotic American and the ongoing talks from our politicians are only worsening

the issue. I wish I could leave you fellow citizens looking for information with a direct answer, or even an explanation from my journey. However, all I can give is evidence that the problem is even more complex as you get closer and closer to the center of American politics.

Columnist's Note: Hello readers I would like to take this chance to remind all of you that your voice matters, whether or not you agree with what I'm saying please let me know. Write me an email or send a response to thevoice@westfield.ma.edu with the subject "Response to The Conservative View." All messages will be kept anonymous unless requested. Don't prevent your voice from being heard!

Matt Carlin is a first-year political science major, the assistant managing editor and conservative columnist for The Westfield Voice.

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We are accepting the disappearing forests that have replaced ecosystems with modernized highways and land development. On these lands, three head of cattle for every one person on earth are raised to be slaughtered. This so all us American's can indulge in our barbequed hamburgers in celebration of westernization.

Conditioning future generations and masking the true distaste of humanity will only allow others to annihilate and oppress more people in the future. Maybe we'll call it "discovery" again and make it a national holiday.

So, I say, "Cheers!" and "Happy Leif Ericson Day" for the Vikings who did it hundreds of years prior to Columbus.

MINARDI, page 9

sion. Waist suppression is the descriptive term for the cinching of a jacket's waist to accentuate the ideal "V" shape of the torso.

When your tailor suppresses the waist, he helps the jacket hide whatever flaws you might have in order to make you appear much closer to the masculine ideal.

Remember though, the jacket should be fitted, not tight. If you notice any pulling around the button in an "x" shape it's too tight.

Now, next time you go to pick up your date (at her door), you can feel good knowing that

your suit has been properly tailored.

Josh Minardi is a sophomore environmental science major, president of the WSU Republican Club, and a columnist for The Westfield Voice.

Arts & Entertainment

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Despite the hardships, the show is coming along great and the cast in more than excited to open this week!

If you're into music, love stories, or you're just looking for a great night out, come to Dever Stage on Thursday, October 17th and Friday October 18th at 7 PM or catch our matinee on Saturday, October 19th at 2 PM or our closing night, October 19th at 7 PM. Want to reserve tickets? E-mail our producer, Dan Monopoli, at dmonopoli9624@westfield.ma.edu and indicate which date and time you'd like to come. We hope to see you at the show!

Owls Sports

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for the remaining 5 games left in the regular season. They have improved to 2-2 in MAS-

CAC games and 4-8 overall. Salem dropped to 1-3 in MAS-CAC play with an overall record of 1-10.

The Owls look to improve their MAS-CAC record on Saturday, October 19, against MCLA at 11:00 a.m. on Alumni Field during Alumni Weekend. It will be greatly appreciated if everyone could attend the game and cheer on your Westfield State men's soccer team.

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today. Christian Lopez, the fan who caught Derek Jeter's 3000th hit immediately wanted to give the ball back saying that he deserved it because of everything he has done during his career on and off the field.


Fans, just like athletes, can be emotionally caught up in a game and lose control of their emotions.

While the civility of fans has increased since the 1960s, there are still unacceptable ways that people act that need to be changed. Eliminating cheering a person's injury is a good start.

Andrew Burke is a first-year communications major and the layout editor of The Westfield Voice.

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Games & Leisure

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(March 21 - April 20)
You may want to keep a companion besides you as often as possible; you don't know what loneliness can do to you after a while. You don't want to go crazy, do you?

Libra
(September 23 - October 22)
If you drink from the cup of life, life will come to you. If you drink from the cup of death, Do you understand, dear reader? Do you understand the gravity of your decisions?

Taurus
(April 21 - May 21)
If you find a wishing fountain or a wishing well, go ahead and throw a dollar coin in there. Also, please let me know where this wishing well is. You know, to check up on the mystical energies and stuff.

Scorpio
(October 23 - November 21)
The day is yours to seize. Just make sure you are wearing sunglasses when reaching toward the heavens. Sunblock and some protective clothing are also advised if you're sensitive to sunlight.

Gemini
(May 22 - June 21)
You should be living a five star lifestyle all of the time dear Gemini, with all of the compliments. Go out and get that car, that caviar, that home that's subpar to no star. Run with the money and be the mansion on the hill.

Sagittarius
(November 22 - December 21)
Try and obtain a rocket ship this week. While the stars would be very surprised if you were actually successful in this endeavor, you will certainly have a series of interesting adventures in your efforts to obtain a working rocket ship.

Cancer
(June 22 - July 22)
Yes, your financial woes are a little troubling at the moment. There is nothing that surviving for a few weeks off of trail mix and peanut butter can't solve, though. It has lots of good protein, too. The advantages of your situation exist; you just need to find them.

Capricorn
(December 21 - January 20)
If you tape your mouth shut to remain shy, do not people notice the tape over your mouth? In a world of voices, perhaps it is the silent one that gets noticed. Take these words into consideration.

Leo
(July 23 - August 23)
Don't try to finish first in the race, or last. Instead, just try and finish, because your time only matters to the degree which you (and several other people) give it importance which is arbitrary anyway.

Aquarius
(January 21 - February 19)
If you wear a watch, go digital. Nothing bad ever happens to digital watches and you will need to know the time all the time this coming week for reasons that will make themselves apparent to you in due time.

Virgo
(August 24 - September 22)
There is probably a better way to do things than what you are doing, but every second you spend trying to figure out a better way is a waste unless you succeed. Think about this for a while, but not too long.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 - March 20)
If you are feeling blue, chances are it is only because you did it to yourself. So turn that frown to a different angle so other people will feel the same way as normal towards you.

Poll Question: What did you think of this week's edition? a) It's great! b) It's okay c) Horrible d) Whatever

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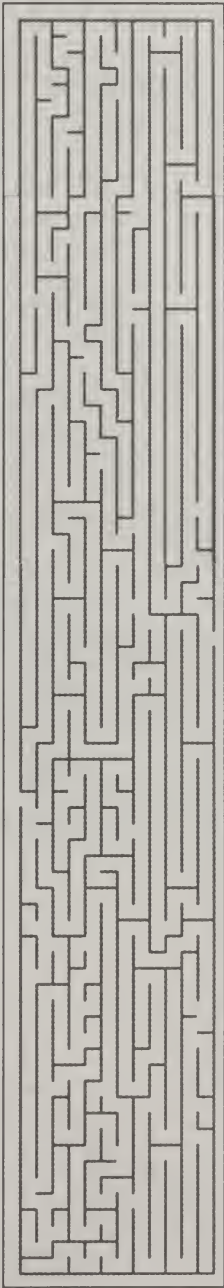
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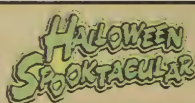
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Dobelle put on administrative leave; Liz Preston named Acting President

Last Wednesday's board of trustees meeting ended after over ten hours with Dobelle placed on paid leave until Nov. 25.

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

President Evan Dobelle has been put on paid administrative leave by the board of trustees. This leave came at the end of their meeting last week.

After over ten hours of executive session, the chairman of the board of trustees, Jack Flynn, read two motions that the board acted on.

The first motion authorized

the board's attorney firm, Fish & Richardson, to investigate the entire situation surrounding Dobelle. Within that investigation, they will have access to all of the documents related to the situation and are required to submit their findings by Nov. 25.

The second motion was to put Dobelle on paid administrative leave until Nov. 25 pending the results of the lawyers' investigation. It was unanimously approved.

Fish & Richardson (F&R) has been the board's attorney firm through all of this scandal, but Wednesday's meeting solidified the relationship between the two.

The attorney firm is said

to have all of the related documents already, so it was an obvious decision.

Dobelle's administrative leave did not come as a surprise to some on campus who anticipated that the board of trustees would take action.

"With all of the attention being paid to Westfield State, it was a difficult decision in a tough time for the university, but the trustees had to make a decision regardless," said Adam Lamontagne, a senior political science major.

Dobelle will return to campus on Nov. 25 but until then, Liz Preston, the vice president of academic affairs, will be the acting president.

Preston has been the acting

president before; her contract dictates that she is the acting president when Dobelle is off-campus travelling or on vacation.

She will still be acting in her capacity as vice president of academic affairs during this time.

The F&R investigation is speculated to help the board of trustees make a decision as to what to do with Dobelle's contract when he returns to campus.

The investigation will look into the same topics that the attorney general and inspector general have been looking into.

The board of trustees will

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Best spot to study on campus...



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First-year Vanessa Cato studying in the third-floor lounge of the Ely Campus Center.

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News from other schools

The Daily Collegian, UNIV. OF MASS., AMHERST

Transsexual actress Laverne Cox spoke to campus to promote inclusiveness and being more welcoming to the transgender community. She stars in "Orange is the New Black" on Netflix.

Springfield Student, SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Springfield College field hockey lost to nationally ranked Wellesley College. The score was 3-10 overall. Wellesley ranks no. 13 in the nation.

The Huntington News, NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

With uncertain futures, adjunct professors at Northeastern are looking into unionizing after witnessing some promising examples in UMass Lowell.

The Daily Campus, UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Seven UConn students have filed complaints alleging that the university was negligent in their handling of sexual assault and harassment claims. Attorney Gloria Allred has gotten herself involved in the case.

The Daily Orange, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

A survey criticizing teachers' assistants and their inability to help students learn has caused the university's chapter of the Undergraduates for Better Education to work with administration to find a solution. Interim Chancellor Eric Spina has met with students on the matter.

SGA confronts last week's marathon 10-hour Board of Trustees meeting

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

The board of trustees meeting was the hot topic at the last meeting of the Student Government Association.

Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, began her report by accepting the resignation of representative-at-large Isaac Matson.

Stone Koury, student trustee, gave his lengthy report on what happened in the Oct. 16 meeting of the board of trustees regarding to President Dobelle. He stated most of the meeting took place in executive session so he could not talk about too many details of the meeting.

Koury recounted that the ten-hour meeting had constant reflection about what is best for the University, students, and the employees that work.

Koury then reiterated what John F. Flynn, board of trustee's chair, said to the public after the meeting. The statement said: "Tonight, the Westfield State University board of trustees took action on two issues. We did this with the assistance of counsel. First the board retained the professional services of (Boston legal firm) Fish and Richardson to conduct an investigation into the issues raised by the inspector general involving spending, employment and leadership at the university as well as the foundation. Fish and Richardson has been instructed to report their findings back to the board no later than November 25, 2013. Secondly; the board unanimously voted to place President Evan Dobelle on administrative leave with pay pending the outcome of the Fish and Richardson report."

Representative-at-large

Steven Mailloux asked what has happened to the opinions of the board. According to Mailloux, the board appeared to be on the president's side a few months ago but now they have changed.

He also added "As far as it seems from the public eye, I'm going to call it a political witch-hunt from Boston. I think there are people out to get the president and I believe they are putting pressure on the board of trustees."

Koury responded that he thinks the press puts a certain untruthful spin on the story and the board hasn't wavered much from how they see situations. He also stated that any parity (media) involved in this doesn't have all the information.

Mailloux continued with a general comment adding, "Realistically, this is the biggest thing that will happen to this university in any four-year span to any student sitting in this room. This is huge."

Then he said that the statement the SGA crafted at the beginning of the year on the Dobelle situation is not appropriate anymore because of all the new developments relating to the investigation.

He ended by saying that the SGA executive board should have given Dobelle a chance to answer senators' questions at the Oct. 8 meeting to let the other students on campus really understand the situation better.

Fote took a moment to address Mailloux's statement. She stated that the investigation of the president is "an ongoing investigation," which means that the SGA will stick with the statement until a new development or final conclusion is met on the investigation.



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The executive board of the Student Government Association before the meeting.

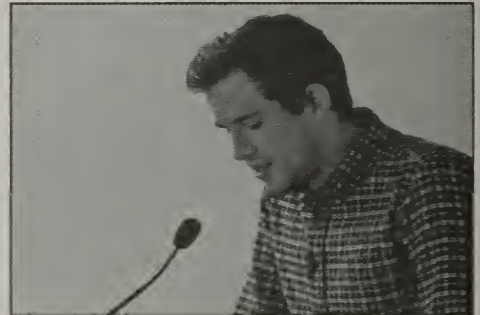


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Student Trustee Stone Koury reading the statement from the board of trustees at Tuesday's SGA meeting.

The SGA statement reads: "The Student Government Association, at this time, refrains from commenting on the ongoing investigation involving University Administration. SGA supports the mission of the University and the students we represent."

Fote then explained that the president emailed her very suddenly to come speak at the next SGA meeting.

Since new senator orientation was on Oct. 8, Fote did not want any speakers for the meeting. This was to get the meeting over with and start the time-consuming orientation. The SGA executive board came to the

verdict that there would be no questions asked to the president too stick to a quick agenda.

The president finished by appreciating Mailloux's comments and concerns and told all senators to come to her with questions of their own if needed.

Brittany Moniz, president of the class of 2014, and representative-at-large Adam Lamontagne gave their thanks and appreciation to Koury for staying at the ten-hour board meeting for the SGA.

Rebecca DiVico, vice president of student life, summed up more questions

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Apple's new iPhone models bring new privacy concerns

Tom Durkee
Voice Contributor

With the recent release of not one, but two different iPhone models this September, it has become apparent that Apple is in it to win it when it comes to its popular mobile device.

Alongside the new devices, consumers also saw the launch of iOS 7, the latest update to the software that is behind the iPhone's user interface.

Along with the buzz surrounding the new offerings coming from Apple, many news outlets, such as the Washington Post, are now reporting that users' privacy may be at risk due to software tweaks and new features such as a fingerprint reader.

Apple unveiled its top of the line iPhone 5s and the cost conscious iPhone 5c to users that were introduced to new options such as high strength polycarbonate featured in a variety of colors on the iPhone 5c and a gold finish on the iPhone 5s accompanying the feature everyone seems to be talking about - the new fingerprint scanner, which is only featured in the higher priced model.

The scanner, which Apple is calling "iTouch ID," replaces the traditional home button on the phone and allows users to utilize their fingerprint to unlock their device instead of the more traditional passcode.

With technologies such as "iCloud," in which personal data such as photos and contacts are stored in the 'cloud,' one may wonder, will fingerprints be the next thing beamed up to a far away server?

Kevin G. Fisher, residence director of New Residence Hall, owns the iPhone 5s and feels that Apple is ahead of the curve in many ways when it comes to security, even with the finger-



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The iPhone 5s home button has been the source of privacy concerns due to its fingerprint recognition technology.

print scanner.

"They're not storing a photo of your fingerprint, they're storing a rendering of your fingerprint on a secure partition of the chip which is turned into a string of data that is run through a decrypter. If the rendering matches the one saved on your chip, only accessible when your attempt to unlock the phone, it then deletes the string of data you just used."

Fisher feels that although digital code replicating his fingerprint is stored on his device, it doesn't seem very different than fingerprints that cover surfaces he touches everyday.

Junior Ariana Roche owns the iPhone 5c and feels that the fingerprint scanner could be seen as a risk when it comes to personal data.

Roche said, "I'm sure someone is going to find a way around that. Once you save something to your phone, your personal data is somewhere inside of it. What if you lose it, or someone steals it? It seems like a risky situation."

Roche does not have the "iTouch ID" on her model, but feels that a greater concern to personal privacy are the location services built

into iOS 7 that can target advertisements to your specific location.

"I don't leave my location services turned on, unless I manually turn them on for something specific, such as when I use a GPS application. It is an invasion of privacy and Apple is definitely not the only company that is doing it. These companies can use the information that I am putting out there to their advantage when trying to sell products," she added.

Roche feels that users of the devices should think about the necessity of activating these settings, many of which come pre-activated in iOS 7.

Regardless of what privacy concerns users of the iPhone may have, it seems education is the only way to know what you are agreeing to when you use these devices.

John V. Zocco, residence director of Lansdowne Place, also owns the iPhone 5s and feels that most people do not take the time to understand everything they are committing to when using their phones.

"I think with all things technology-wise, its a cer-

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The nightmare begins on Elm Street: Haunted Harvest Restaurant and Pub Tour comes to Westfield

Matt A. Durant
Voice Contributor

Halloween is approaching, and many students are wondering what sort of costumed fun will await them.

Fortunately, the city of Westfield is providing a cure for the boredom; an event with enough flare and excitement to light up a hundred jack-o-lanterns!

On Saturday, October 26th from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Westfield on Weekends and the Westfield Business Improvement District

will host the third annual Restaurant and Pub Tour.

The tour takes you through nine of Westfield's most popular and enjoyable restaurants and bars, including: The City Hotel, Clemenza's, Maple Leaf, Mina's Wine & Spirits, The Nook, Paddy's, Santiago's, Shenanigan's, and The Tavern Restaurant.

Each individual business will have a different classic movie theme to it, as well as movie trivia, raffles, live entertainment, and more!

There will also be a

costume contest with cash prizes awarded to the top three best dressed, so all are encouraged to dress as their favorite movie characters or costumes inspired by Hollywood.

Masks and painted faces are not permitted for safety's sake.

To participate in the event is free, however if you want to enter the costume contest and/or raffles, you may purchase a \$14 ticket when registering for this frighteningly fun event at the Red Carpet Block Party on Elm Street

between 6:30 pm and 9:30 pm the night of the tour.

Registration is located in the parking lot next to Mina's Wine and Spirits.

You can register to take part in all of the activities, including having your picture taken with Marilyn Monroe!

If you're not interested in walking from place to place, there will also be a projection of classic Hollywood films on the wall during a block party on Elm Street!

The tour is not just an excuse to wear you

favorite costume or win prizes, but a chance to explore and experience the diversity of Downtown Westfield's many restaurants and pubs, from the speak-easy feel of The Nook, to the Caribbean Island atmosphere of Santiago's.

Whether it's enjoying Elm St.'s block party and movie screening, dressing up and embracing the Halloween spirit, or taking part in the Pub Tour itself,

Westfield encourages all to come out and enjoy the evening's festivities.

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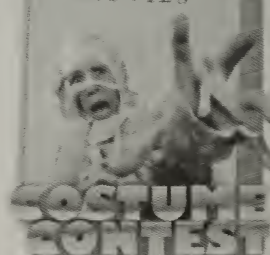
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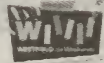
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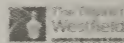
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Better than Harvard? Diana on Westfield

Emma Moser

Voice Contributor

When a rising Ph.D. graduate of Arizona State University sent off an application for her first full-time teaching position to Westfield State, her dissertation advisor raised an eyebrow.

"But Vanessa," she asked her young advisee, "how will you write your way out of that job?"

Fourteen years later, Professor Vanessa Holford Diana has no intention of leaving "that job" anytime soon.

"I do love it here," says Diana, who teaches English and serves as Assistant Director of the Honors Program. "I have no interest in...going elsewhere."

Her options have never been limited. When she came as a teaching candidate in 2000, she carried a baby on each arm and an impressive resume in her bag.

She had graduated summa cum laude from both East Stroudsburg University and Lehigh University, for her bachelor's and master's degrees, respectively.

Her Ph.D. studies at Arizona State University, where she taught part-time, focused on writers of ethnic diversity. Within its population of over 50,000, Diana felt removed from her students at ASU, where it was not uncommon to meet students in freshman composition and never hear from them again.

"It was very imper-

sonal and felt like a big factory," says Diana. "That wasn't for me." But during her interview process at Westfield State, she was immediately struck by the more personal interactions with students.

She recalls one day when, after teaching a sample class, a student whispered "Good luck" to her as she was leaving the classroom.

"I remember thinking, Wow, the students are really nice here," says Diana.

The teachers, she soon discovered, were equally welcoming. At the end of her interview process, faculty of the English department gave her a party at the home of Glen Brewster, current Director of the Honors Program.

"It was chili and beer, and people's kids were there," Diana recalls with a laugh. "These were folks who clearly liked being around each other."

Since that time, Diana has been hooked. Living within walking distance from campus with her husband and two children, she keeps herself busy at the college she now affectionately calls her second home.

In the English department, she has become a symbol of cultural diversity, teaching courses in ethnic literature while dressing in India- and Tibet-inspired clothing.

"She brings positive energy to every class and helps us think twice about the way we read literature."

says Tatiana Flores, who has taken Black American and Native American Literature with Diana. "She is the teacher that every English major, rather student, aspires to be."

Diana's enthusiasm and fun-loving personality also shines through her work in the Honors Program, where she endeavors to give students a dynamic college experience with scholarly projects, community service, and pizza parties.

"She is committed

to helping those she mentors find fulfillment and success along their journey," says Gretchen Konrad, Administrative Assistant of the Honors Program.

In her work, Diana is inspired by what she insists are brilliant, Harvard-quality students and teachers.

"It's all the wonderful... exchange of ideas, with none of the pretense and attitude and ego that can be a real turn-off at higher-ed," she says.

In her background

of bigger, more expensive universities, Diana often witnessed a sense of entitlement among the students and faculty there. Here at Westfield, however, she feels surrounded by people who don't take education for granted.

"We've stripped away all that ivory-tower sense of being privileged," she says.

"We're here because we want to learn and take away from these four years what we need for the next stage in our lives."

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Prof. Haskins & Dr. Dodge in Turkey 2012



Alumni Art Exhibit now at Downtown Gallery

Lydia Grossi
Voice Writing Intern

This past Thursday, the Westfield State University Alumni Art Show took place. The event was located at the downtown art gallery in Westfield.

Upon walking into the entrance of the art gallery, guests were greeted by the sweet sounds of the saxophone and a lovely guitarist.

The atmosphere was very quaint, with extraordinary pieces of art scattered across the walls. There were many people that filled the little space,

making it seem intimate and cozy.

Many pieces throughout the gallery were extremely well done. A young alumni woman by the name of Ya Dira Garcia, a 24-year-old potter and sculptress, said she learned most of her techniques at Westfield State University and loved taking classes at her alma mater. Prompted by a question, Garcia explained that the artist who inspired her most was Linda Siska.

Ever since Ya Dira was young, art "came naturally." She continued

to express her love for art and said: "[one] could say I have an artistic soul; when I was young, I didn't want to watch television I would want to color instead."

She went on to describe what kind of materials she used, which consisted of clay, ceramics, raku clay, horsehair, and more.

While making her pottery, she is very focused: "It is therapeutic, relaxing, and I have a chance to reflect on my feelings," said Garcia.

She is currently looking into art schools, try-

ing to sell her work, and plans on exploring New York as an option for selling her works.

Another alumni artist, Karen Evans, of South Deerfield, is an intricate artist/drawer, and prefers to work with a pen; a prisma color.

She has been drawing and painting for her whole life and loves it. She also learned most of her artistic techniques at Westfield State, and was originally self-taught. Evans said that her favorite artist is Salvador Dali, by whom she was inspired. Another part of her inspi-

ration derives from her great grandmother.

Evans expressed that when she draws, she likes making people think, and commented that "[she] like[s] messing with people's heads," which could clearly be seen through one of her pieces called "Birth of Creativity."

Eventually, Evans would like to work in a gallery and sell her drawings.

Overall, guests seemed pleased to see such beautiful works of art created by alumni who are truly gifted as well as impeccably talented.

Voice Reporter volunteers at the Homecoming Game

Emily Hendrickson
Voice Reporter

It was Saturday, Oct. 19, I looked out my dorm window, it was such a beautiful day, the sun was bright, the orange leaves were scattered on the ground, and the wind was blowing lightly through my window.

I put on my fall outfit, Hollister dark washed jeans, a blue long sleeve top, completed with my brown Uggs boots.

Then I walked out of my dorm and made my way down to the Woodward center to start my day as a volunteer at the homecoming event at Westfield State University.

I arrived to see the football team playing, as I walked passed the game I arrived at the check-in for the alumni.

There was a band playing, a ton of yummy food, tables, a stand that sold hot apple cider and donuts, and the kidzone area – which was where I was volunteering.

I walked to the tent to find other friendly volunteers: college students and women.

I helped set up the kidzone tent with decorations and arts and crafts

for the children to do. There were so many activities for the children to do, I was excited to help the children make frames, draw on pumpkins, and take a photo with Nestor, the Westfield Owl.

As time moved on, children began showing up. I offered to face paint this little girls face and she requested to be a pirate.

When I handed her a mirror, after I completed the face painting, her face lit up. She was so happy about being a pirate. It was so adorable and it made my day. Then, I helped her decorate a miniature pumpkin with silver and blue glitter and draw on a fall leaf with gold metallic markers.

Two hours flew by, and pretty soon my shift was up for the day. I waved by to everyone and walked back with two other girls, who had also volunteered. I felt content and happy with myself; I had loved volunteering and working with the children.

The day had just been perfect, and I was glad I got the chance to complete my part in helping homecoming weekend at Westfield State be perfect.

On-campus dining warrants more student consideration

Joey Cooper
Sports Editor

Dining arrangements on the Westfield State University campus remains a hot topic throughout the student body, raising the question whether to purchase a meal plan, or cook independently.

The university offers four different meal plans to fit the needs of both commuters and students living in residential housing. These yearly plans include five meals per week (commuter and apartment residents only) for \$1,288, 10 meals per week for \$3,394, 14 meals per week for \$3,478, and 19 meals per week for \$3,563. All but the five meals per week plan requires an additional \$150 called, "Sodexo Bucks" for restaurants and eateries around campus.

"I figured this year, living in olds, I'd buy the five meal plan because I would be cooking a lot more," said senior Jim Trubia, a criminal justice major is in his fourth year living in residential housing with a meal plan in each semester.

The meal plan Trubia purchased provides five meals per week throughout 17 weeks; this particu-

lar plan averages out to \$15.15 per meal between Father Dean's Dining Commons and Pandini's.

"It's a good chunk of money, but with my internship, classes and a busy semester, it's nice not having as much cooking and shopping to do each week," Trubia said.

Remaining meal plans differ in average cost per meal with 10 meals averaging \$19.96, 14 meals to \$14.61, and 19 meals to \$11.03.

"The food isn't anything special, but they do have a variety of things to choose from for people," said Trubia.

Students with a meal plan can use their swipes seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The school website offers the nutritional facts for all of their items, along with a schedule of what they will be serving in the coming week.

Westfield State students living in apartment style living with kitchen accommodations both on-campus or at Lansdowne Place are not required to purchase a

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Behind the title: President of Student Government

Matt Stover
Voice Reporter

Taylor Fote, a senior special education major, is just like any other student. The thing that keeps her from being seen like a regular student to the rest of the school is a nameplate that sits on her desk, that reads Student Government President.

Fote said, "I did not anticipate being so involved on campus because I did virtually nothing in high school."

Even when Taylor started in hall council freshmen year she said she absolutely hated it. She only joined the Student Government Association because no one else would volunteer to be the president's designee for a semester, so she hesitantly volunteered.

"It was definitely not what I envisioned, becoming president was not the

goal, but looking back I wouldn't change a thing," said Fote.

"People have told me I am no longer Taylor Fote, the Westfield State senior, but I am Taylor Fote the Student Government President," said Fote.

"People see the title President, and all of a sudden my image and personality take a backseat."

Barbara Hand, SGA advisor, said, "The role of student government president is with you everywhere you go."

Hand added that the campus is aware of who the president is. Professors are aware of Taylor as the president, students are aware, and might hold Taylor to a higher standard.

Hand did praise Taylor on her ability to be able to turn off the president side off her life.

"I think it is the students and faculty who can't turn off seeing the

president side of her. Taylor does an outstanding job of closing up shop and being a normal, outgoing 21-year-old."

Although Taylor faces the pressure straight on, she does admit her actions can have consequences, "If I do one thing wrong I not only hurt myself, but I hurt the executive board, I hurt every organization that is under SGA."

Taylor said is she does something wrong it could all fall apart rather quickly.

"Being the face of SGA has its benefits, but as you can see there is a lot of responsibilities that come with the title," Fote said.

"To be completely honest, it is a luxury if I can take one minute for myself with my hectic day."

On top of the 40-hours per week the position of president requires, Taylor also takes five classes, and student teaches three days a week at a middle

school in Holyoke.

Emily Asp, a senior at Westfield State, has been a roommate of Taylor's for the past two years, and sees a side of Taylor that not many have the opportunity to.

"She has gotten me through some pretty tough things over the past two years. She is always ready to listen, and puts others needs in front of her own," Asp said.

Emily added that she does see people give her looks, or say things to Taylor when she goes out to the bar or off campus.

Taylor said, "People look at me differently than they do my friends even when we are doing the same activity."

Taylor also said she gets a couple comments from people at the bar every time she goes about her letting loose.

"It's ridiculous, I am 21. I am allowed to go to the bar with my friends



PHOTO FROM SMUGMUG
Student Government Association president Taylor Fote.

like every other 21-year-old," Fote said.

Taylor finished by saying, "One thing I want people to know about me is that I am exactly the same as all the other students that go to this school. I am not a robot that is controlled by the school. I am capable and do have emotions. I struggle in classes just like everyone else. I am first and foremost a student, and I think people forget that sometimes."

Alum finds success in educational YouTube videos

Private - Not all the time	Private - All the time
Start New worksheet	product (cost \$300) on
Revenue	28 CR
Accounts Receivable	600
Salaries	600

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Arianna Williams
Voice Contributor

A former student at Westfield State University has found her niche as an Accounting professor at the Eastern State Connecticut University. Now a Certified Public Accountant, and professor of 5 years, Kris-

tin Ingram has created accounting tutorial YouTube videos which have reached up to 2,500 views on the Internet.

Professor Ingram recognized an important aspect of teaching during her professorial career. Many students learn best in varying

ways, and her videos reach out to students who are in need of a visual aid when learning about accounting.

The creation of these videos stemmed from her interest in Khan Academy. Khan Academy is a non-profit organization that provides educational videos to aid students studying mathematics. Ingram observed many instructional videos on the Internet and realized a surplus of full-length lecture videos and a lack of shorter and more precise academic videos. Eleven months ago, this marked the beginning of Ingram's creation of helpful and precise videos for her Accounting students.

At first, Professor Ingram created these videos

with her main target audience set to be her Accounting and Finance students only. Shortly after, Ingram realized viewers from all over the world were watching her videos. "It was really motivating," Ingram says. "My main goal when I started the videos was to help my students. Now, my goal is to help as many people as I can."

Kristin Ingram graduated from Westfield State University in December of 2001, with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, and a concentration in Accounting. She worked as an accounting tutor during her time studying at WSU, and enjoyed the rewards in helping students learn. Ingram then contin-

ued her education at the University of Hartford, where she landed a job as an adjunct professor after graduating. Today, not only is Kristin Ingram a Certified Public Accountant in both Massachusetts and Connecticut, but she owns a small tax and consulting practice, aside from her career as a professor.

Courses taught by Professor Ingram during her professional employment range from Introductory Accounting, to Graduate Tax Research, and even Accounting Software Application. Throughout all of the courses she has taught, Ingram has kept a constant dedication to visually enhancing the overall

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The Conservative View: What's wrong with this site? Healthcare.gov is an epic failure

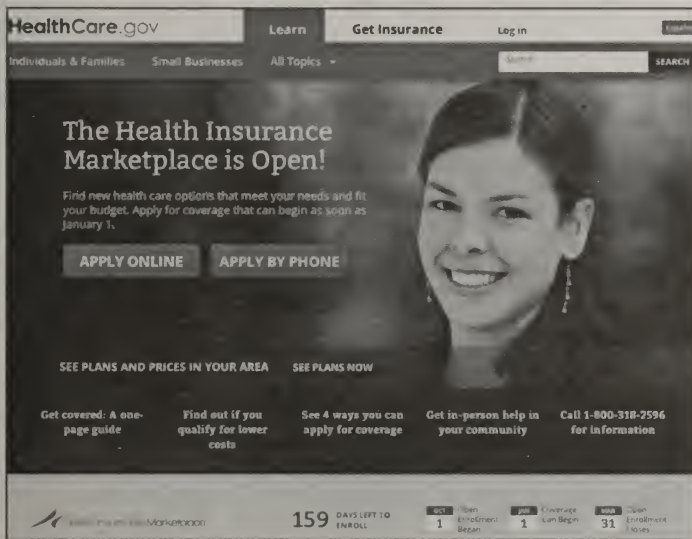


PHOTO FROM HEALTHCARE.GOV

Healthcare.gov has caused major headaches for the Obama administration. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius has taken the heat in the media, although the problem might be deeper than it appears.

Matt Carlin

Asst. Managing Editor

Oh dear, it seems like I have already talked about this before haven't I? There seems to be a common occurrence happening in the American politico-economic theatre lately that is a non-progressive government. However, this week I draw my ever critical eye to the Obamacare shoo-tout, where the Obama

administration had opened fire on itself, searching for a scapegoat for the poor performance its child (the Obamacare website) has shown.

To be clearer, the Obamacare website has had countless problems, between the lack of service to just being shutdown outright (and no it was not because of some government error!). Now, as a conservative I should be jumping for joy, but these errors

and poor management are so simple even an intern would have spotted them. This whole fiasco, even as a Republican, is nothing short of being embarrassing, disappointing, and ill-omened especially in relation to the government just reopening. Poor Secretary of Health and Human Services, Mrs. Kathleen Sebelius, who is now being sacrificed by the Obama administration to the rightfully upset Republicans and the public as an

administrative "scapegoat."

The administration has recognized that the website was plagued by mismanagement and errors. Obama has even stated that the website has some serious flaws and that "people are working around the clock" to address the issues. Why is it that Obama is so quick to jump from taking the blame? Which he demanded republicans to do during the shutdown, to fixing the issue, in which he yet against did not do during the shutdown. Back to the issue at hand, Sebelius in her defense says she did report that the website was not prepared to be uploaded for the public at the time, and boy was she right.

Of the main errors that plague the new health care exchange, the poor connectivity of the servers is the peskiest. Due to poor server connections, applicants have been "successfully" applying for three different policies to the same company at the same time. Providers complain that they are forced to then make followup calls and background checks to make sure no fraud occurs, but also to make sure that the applicants get the application in that they want. As you can clearly see, there is both a burden on the provider and the applicant with this new system. It would seem that

in the end, the system breaks down into an over-complicated Craig's List for health insurance.

Another one of the many horrible malfunctions of the website is that the applicants data is being trans-ferred incorrectly, thus causing many identification issues. In some cases it would seem that spouses get classified as children, or even nonexistent. Forms were missing names, identification numbers, and even just missing in general. What kind of government website is this sad excuse for a healthcare exchange? Though the administration is mobilizing to fix the errors through constant updates and then having states use weekends to completely update the systems, it would seem this website will take a bit more time to be worthy.

I would like to see how Congress handles this situation, and how they are going to treat Sebelius, who has been brought forth to answer congressional questions involving these errors and issues.

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Gentlemen's Weekly: Alternatives to burying your face in your cell phone

Josh Minardi
Voice Columnist

Many people nowadays seem to be wrapped up in the blanket of technology and have gravitated towards the reclining chairs and television sets.

They are blinded to the multitude of opportunities to get outside that they are presented with daily. With so many people wishing for a trip to a major city (foreign or not) to take in the sights, it's hard to realize just how truly awesome and unique our countryside is.

By taking up an interest outdoors, you can turn nearly every weekend into a short vacation and save yourself a lot of money in the process.

Being outdoors puts

you in direct contact with this beautiful planet we call home. In the deep wild, many animals have minimal human contact and will sometimes not hesitate to walk right up to you.

I assure you, it truly is an unforgettable experience to walk within fifteen feet of a two-thousand pound American bison and her calf grazing and have them not care that you're sticking around for a bit.

As both a blessing and a curse, being outdoors will put you in touch with your own mortality.

Having your camp raided by a grizzly bear at 3 a.m., or being caught in a mountain squall can put you back in your place and shatter the illusions of immortality that a controlled environment gives you. In fact, the reason most alpinists climb is just to revel in

that feeling of exposure to danger. It reminds you that you're human.

With a little know-how and a few proper supplies you can start becoming an outdoorsman yourself.

There are 4 points that you should keep in mind when making plans to get in touch with the wilderness:

1) Choose a hobby that puts you outdoors. It can be anything, from cheap and simple like a walk up a local mountain or through a national park, or it can be a serious investment such as alpine climbing. For most college students

I would suggest outdoor activities like backpacking and general mountaineering, which don't require expensive equipment.

2) Find at least one person to share your experiences with. While going into the wild solo may be fun, it

is the other person that will keep you motivated.

It also gives you something to talk about and can really further a relationship, be it a good friend or a significant other.

3) Get supplies and know where to acquire them cheap. This includes rain gear, bivvy gear (light-weight material, usually used for shelter), a small first aid kit, a mountaineering stove (sometimes called a backpacking stove), some dried food, compass, etc.

It is easy to fit all of this stuff in a backpack, and even on a challenging day hike it keeps you prepared incase something takes a turn for the worse.

4) Finally, respect the wilderness. While this should go without saying, too many people thoughtlessly dump trash outside.

When you leave trash

in the wilderness, it creates an eyesore that pulls others out of the meditative experience they are having and pushes them back into the world they are trying to escape.

Experiencing the wild truly is one of the greatest things that a person can do. While there, you can learn more about yourself than you ever thought you could.

I will leave you with these last two rules to ponder: put yourself into a position to be lucky, but never put yourself into a position to rely on luck.

I'll see you next week.

Josh Minardi is a sophomore environmental science major, president of the WSU Republican Club, and a columnist for The Westfield Voice.

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From the Editor's Desk

For real this time—this week we have moved closer to a clear path toward closure in this debacle surrounding President Evan Dobelle.

The board of trustees most certainly made the right move in sending the president on administrative leave.

Those who have read my editorials carefully in the past weeks may have realized that I support Dobelle and feel this situation is quite unjust, but I think that the leave he is on, and even a resignation, is best for the university.

At 68 and with the reputation that he has garnered, both as an effective leader and education but controversial figure, Dobelle is placed in a good position to retire, consult, or even write a book.

I would buy the Dobelle biography; I think it would be interesting.

The truth is, there has been so much mud slinging during this whole mess that it would be best for the university if there were a resignation.

It would put Dobelle in a higher place; it would restore some of the public's lost trust and put an end once and for all to this situation.

Numerous newspaper articles, television reports, and unproductive conversation have tarnished the good work that happens at this university.

It would be good to get a breath of fresh air.

This past Wednesday, acting president Liz Preston held a gathering for faculty and staff in the Scanlon Banquet Hall.

The theme was "We are Westfield." It was very widely attended and drew from all areas of the Westfield State community.

Adjourning their meeting early, the All-University Committee came out to attend the event.

In my capacity as a represen-

tative-at-large to Student Government, I am a member of the All-University Committee. I can say firsthand that the "We are Westfield" event was essentially a turning of the page for the university and a glimpse at the kind of community atmosphere that can be expected moving forward.

All across campus, there are four divisions of opinion. There are those who feel Dobelle is the greatest president that ever served here; those who feel Dobelle was great when he started but not so much now; those who feel he was horrible for the university from the start; and those who do not care.

Those who do not care cannot be helped.

The other three divisions need to come together and remember that we are all one community that has the same purposes and goals.

We might not all agree with each other, but sometimes disagreement is healthy. Unfortunately though, the division on this campus is caustic and hostile.

I stand with acting president Liz Preston in her attempts to bring the campus together.

Whatever the outcome of the administrative leave, I hope that we can maintain the level of positive energy that has appeared on this campus.

Response to the Whitman 'Letter to the Editor'

I am going to respond to Curtis Whitman's 'letter to the editor' this week as opposed to next week.

I appreciate all of the things Whitman brought to the attention of the readers of this newspaper.

The constructive criticism that we receive is taken very seriously and we try to act on these criticisms accordingly.

As for the particular article

he is referring to: "Special report completed by accountants; Dobelle praised by Board of Trustees," in our Sept. 20 issue, I can acknowledge that the reporting on that article may appear to lean to a more pro-Dobelle side.

I can assure you this is not intentional. The point of the article was to update the campus as to what happened at the Aug. 29 special meeting of the board of trustees and to offer the course of action that was known at the time.

The article should have included the quotations from Chairman Flynn, Trustee Hill, or Trustee Roberto, which were all in praise of Dobelle, but obviously it did not.

I did include these quotations in the "From the Editor's Desk" column that is published in the following issue.

There are no excuses for the omission of these quotations in the objective piece published in the Sept. 20 issue of the paper. As I started writing the article, I knew I had to include them but after my interview-but-not-interview with Dobelle occurred, I shifted gears with the article without changing in my head what my new focus was.

This is certainly inexcusable on my part.

Excusing headlines, however, I stand behind the objectivity of my articles and have the backing of numerous faculty members, pro-Dobelle and anti-Dobelle alike.

I admit in my first "Editor's Desk" that I am no journalist. My efforts to cover the Dobelle scandal have been an experiment in journalism for me and I have learned many lessons since Sept. 20.

I hope that Whitman can forgive me as well as the many mistakes that are apparent in my very early attempts at newspaper reporting.

Objectivity is paramount to

me.

Whitman said in his letter, "Considering the content of the articles in "From the Editor's Desk," student staff on the Voice have their obvious standpoint on the issue which is everyone's right."

Quoting from our objectivity statement as published in our third issue of this semester, "When opinions are written about news and campus events, the viewpoint is that of the individual writer. Opinions and editorial articles do not reflect the newspaper, its editorial staff, or anybody affiliated with Westfield State University except the individual writer themselves."

I am the 'individual writer' who writes the "Editor's Desk" column.

As the editor-in-chief, it is hard for me to hide behind that statement because I essentially am the only opinions and editorials columnist writing subjectively about campus events, but I certainly still can.

I try my hardest to include facts and truths in my editorials, which are there to back up my opinions.

In between the Sept. 20 issue and this week's issue, there has not been enough happening with this situation to warrant separate articles.

Last week's board of trustees meeting allowed us enough substance to write a good objective article combined with my editorial.

I thank Whitman for submitting the letter and encourage all members of the campus community to send their 'letters to the editor.'



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Please send your 'letter to the editor' to thevoice@westfield.ma.edu.

Letters to the Editor

On Emilee and Death

Editor's Note: This was a speech given at the vigil and celebration of life for Emilee Gagnon. It has been republished here with permission.

In the words of Charles Bukowski, "The free soul is rare, but you know it when you see it – basically because you feel good, very good, when you are near or with them."

I heard about Emilee's death in the middle of class. I was reading a movie review of *Great Expectations* on my laptop. After I was done I clicked on Facebook and saw three "Rest in Peace" statuses. I didn't talk much for the rest of class.

At twenty something, mortality's on the back burner. Death isn't something we really think about.

At this stage in life mortality's just a rationalization for getting drunk or watching five seasons of *'It's Always Sunny in Three Days*.

To think that any of us could ever die is absurd; especially not Emilee. She was a force of nature. Her existence just seemed like a given, a constant.

After class I went over to my friend Shana's apartment where Emilee's friends had all gathered.

We called out of work, drove across the state, all to be together because one of us was gone. We exchanged stock phrases and hugs. We drank and smoked in excess. We shared memories and laughed and cried, and watched the animal butt-

hole episode of *'Bob's Burgers'* because it was her favorite. We all confessed to having had a crush on her. We wondered where we went when we die. None of us knew, but still none of us agreed.

The next few days were strange and difficult. All the old superstitions and ideas about death lurked over our heads. The sheer mystery of death gives birth to strange beliefs and ideas, and suddenly thoughts no longer seem private. When people die you're told that the deceased person is watching over you, and suddenly you wonder if they can see how strange your thoughts are, or if they saw you eat that piece of candy off the floor.

It's hard not to see death as a robbery. I feel robbed of memories I had yet to make. I felt guilty in my grief and wondered whether the time I spent with Emilee had added up to a week. I have, maybe, three distinct memories with her. Once when I bought her the wrong wine. She had asked for white zinfandel but I grabbed pink Moscato by accident, but she didn't mind. For about a week straight we were playing *Slenderman* in the dark in Chris's room. Emilee insisted that we played it in the dark. I think Emilee was the first to reach 8 pages. I remember hanging out with her in her room, talking about Harry Potter, movies we liked, dreams we had. Both of us had wanted to be professors at some point in our lives and we had both wanted that little chili pepper next to our names on ratemyprofessor.com. I fantasized about us teaching at the same college, still friends, reminiscing about the days of *Adventure Time* and iPods like cassettes and *Flintstones*.

Junior year, one of our vocabulary words was 'lugubrious.' If you didn't know what it meant, you'd think it meant absurd, or ludicrous. All of us thought it was stupid that it meant mournful. Describing death as lugubrious just seems wrong. But the truth is that death is absurd, and cruel, and wrong, and beautiful.

On the Vigil

Editor's Note: These comments were supposed to be included in the article about the celebration of life, however, they were not received by press time. They are printed here as a 'letter to the editor.'

The memorial for Emilee was an excellent remembrance of a talented, thoughtful, kind, and unique individual. Before we assembled into Dever [Hall], there was a large poster with a photograph in the center that people could sign with a rainbow of sharpies.

The professors and advisors of Emilee spoke first and their emotion and rawness that they delivered in their speeches was touching.

It was difficult to see the pain on their faces, but speaking about the good times and the positivity that she brought to the campus helped.

I was the first student called up to speak at the microphone and I wanted to go up there without a speech written out and reflect on the good times as I saw fit.

Talking was very difficult, and I did not get to say all that I wanted to but that's alright because everyone else spoke so beautifully and highly of Emilee.

The naming of the wing in the library, scholarship foundation, and part of the honors wing in Emilee's name is a reminder of how bright a student she was.

After the memorial I had the pleasure of meeting her parents and younger brother, who were all just as sweet as Emilee.

All in all, it was a fantastic memorial and I was glad to be a part of it, and to have called Emilee a friend.

Submitted by Evan Crimmins

On the objectivity of The Voice

Dear Editor,

It's come to my attention that a recent trend has arisen in *The Westfield Voice*.

I'm sure the principle of fair reporting is known to all those staffing the paper whose work many times exceeded expectations of a student newspaper.

Unfortunately, current reporting has begun to lose its focus on the cardinal virtue of providing clear and unbiased news.

I cite the Sept. 20 edition as one example that has drawn much controversy, which of course regards President Dobelle.

I will not beat the dead horse, but explain fairly why much ire was drawn.

The Sept. 27 edition of "From the Editor's Desk" stated, "I can't seem to understand why there is confusion as to why that headline would be appropriate."

For those unaware, "that headline" read "Special report completed by accountants; Dobelle praised by Board of Trustees." And as recommended by the editor, I have gone back and read the article. Numerous times.

Representing the crux of a story is the job of a headline, to inform readers what the story is about in just a few words. When done right, headlines tell the story itself.

If being praised by the Board of Trustees was the crux, then the front page story would exclusively be the Board of Trustees praising Dobelle's actions. And it isn't.

It's about the recent events that question whether or not Westfield's president is in the wrong regarding university spending. And so many considered the headline and the article to purposefully have a tone extolling Dobelle.

Considering the content of the articles in "From the Editors' Desks," student staff on the Voice have their obvious standpoint on the issue which is everyone's right.

I only hope their opinions are left at the door when walking into the press office.

And truly, I would be equally concerned if the article's tone was disparaging, as news holds no opinion. This is why the article is deceiving. And it's one example of many.

In four years as a communications major concentrating in journalism, I've grown fond of *The Voice* and defensive when its reputation is in question.

I write not to lay blame, but in hopes to show how recent reporting is waning in its duty of objectivity informing and educating though news, and in effort to better the newspaper as a whole.

Regards,
Curtis Whitman

From 'The Voice' Vault

Faculty union declares no confidence in Trustees

This article was published in the September 29, 1986 issue of The Westfield State Owl.

Andrew Nelson
Owl Editor-in-Chief

The faculty union at Westfield State College overwhelmingly voted to declare that it has no confidence in three trustees involved in the \$10,000 payment to a college student last February.

"The faculty of Westfield State College declares that it has no confidence in the ability of Mr. Charles Hapcook, Ms. Sophie Churma, and Ms. Jane Berry to competently and responsibly carry out the duties of a trustee of Westfield State College," it was written in the Mass. State College Association's Union resolution voted on at the meeting.

The union also voted overwhelmingly on a resolution to demand the immediate resignation from office of Hapcook, Churma, and Berry.

The trustee members were

voted against, said the union, because they "failed to investigate, or to request the investigation of, the alleged 'academic deficiencies' for which the \$10,000 payment was presumably made."

The union also condemned the trustees for failing to take appropriate action against Mark Peters, the attorney representing the college. "Hapcook... Churma... Berry... failed to take appropriate action against Attorney Peters for attempting to conceal the true basis for the \$10,000 payment by the deceptive wording of the settlement."

Union President Michael Engel said he was pleased with the decision and felt the issue brought faculty members together. "People (faculty members) were quite outraged at what had happened," he said. "I was very pleased," said WSC history professor Martin Kaufman. "I was expecting a closer vote. We have traditionally been a much more conservative faculty."

"The vote was overwhelming," said Edwin Abar, WSC mass communications professor. "The vast

majority of the faculty said they had heard enough."

Of the 160 faculty members belonging to the union, approximately 90 attended. "it was an excellent turnout," said union secretary Raymond Ourand.

In a statement released after the faculty meeting, the three trustees defended their actions. "We respect our faculty and they are entitled to their opinion, but our term of service to this college and our students is not yet over."

The trustees also said attorneys "advised us that confidentiality was as absolute necessity to protect the student involved."

Abar said the few who spoke out against the decision believed they should wait until more information became available before taking action.

WSC computer science Professor Timothy Bergendahl echoed the remarks of his fellow faculty members and also raised another question over the circumstances surrounding the payment.

"I feel that the real ethical issue is apparent attempt to award a free Westfield State College de-

gree to the student receiving the payment even though he didn't finish his requirements," he said.

Bergendahl referred to an article appearing in a Boston newspaper on June 4 in which the student tells of the offer.

"They offered to let me graduate and give me enough credits to do that, even though I did not have enough," said the student. "I told them that I wanted to earn my degree. That's when they offered the tuition waivers."

In addition to the other resolutions, the union called for an investigation by the inspector general into the scandal.

"if this resolution became legislation," Abar said, "it would allow the inspector general, who has subpoena power, to conduct an investigation."

The approved resolutions were sent to Gov. Michael Dukakis, the higher education chancellor, Franklin G. Jenifer, and L. Edward Lasham Jr., chairman of the board of regents.

"We hope it will have an effect," said Abar. "Let's wait and see what happens."

MassMutual Center to hold 2012 Commencement

Joshua Clark
Voice Reporter

Announced last Monday, the class of 2012 will have their commencement ceremony at the MassMutual Center this spring.

Located in downtown Springfield, the MassMutual Center is home to the Springfield Falcons AHL hockey team, the Springfield Armor minor league basketball team and many other events and conferences.

Meaghan B. MacDonald, senior class president, sent an

email out to the student body delivering the news. She said that the decision was made with careful thought and was made with the consideration of all groups that would be involved.

"The Committee includes representation from students, faculty and staff across campus," MacDonald said. Marsha Marotta, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, chairs the committee.

The main reason for the ceremony to be moved was the impeding construction of University Hall that has begun.

The construction of the hall is scheduled to conclude in the fall of 2013 and will make the green, the usual spot for the event, unsuitable for two to three years.

MacDonald also said, "MassMutual Center allows us to avoid the disruption of construction while at the same preserving our Commencement traditions."

She continued by saying that the MassMutual Center provides "easy access from highways, convenient parking, ample seating with unobstructed views, jumbo screens for

close-up views of graduates, air conditioning, and no concerns about inclement weather."

She concluded by saying, "The spirit of Westfield is in our students, faculty, staff, families and friends." The commencement will be held on May 19, 2012.

Westfield State isn't the only school that utilizes the MassMutual Center for their commencement ceremonies. Springfield Technical Community College, Springfield College, and area high schools use the hall and its many amenities.

Arts & Entertainment

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Top 10 Singles

1. Lorde - Royals
2. Katy Perry - Roar
3. Miley Cyrus - Wrecking Ball
4. Avicii - Wake Me Up
5. Drake - Hold On, We're Going Home
6. Ylvis - The Fox
7. Jay-Z - Holy Grail
8. Lady Gaga - Applause
9. Robin Thicke - Blurred Lines
10. Lana Del Ray - Summertime Sadness

Top 5 Albums

1. Bangerz - Miley Cyrus
2. Too Weird to Live, Too Rare to Die - Panic! at the Disco
3. Nothing Was the Same - Drake
4. My Name is My Name - Pusha T
5. The 20/20 Experience (2 of 2) - Justin Timberlake

Top 5 Movies

1. Gravity
2. Captain Phillips
3. Carrie
4. Escape Plan
5. Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2

Upcoming DVDs

1. R.I.P.D.
2. Monsters University
3. Byzantium

WSKB exec board makes the trek to NYC for CMJ Music Marathon



PHOTO BY SARAH LEE/THE GUARDIAN

White Denim (above) performed at the College Music Network's Music Marathon in New York City. The executive board of WSKB had the privilege of attending.

Jessica Thelen Voice Reporter

From Oct. 15-19, those of us on the executive board of WSKB 89.5 FM—WSU's radio station—attended the College Music Journal Music Marathon, which featured over 1,300 bands, 1,400+ performances, at over 80 venues, spread out all over New York City.

This was my second year attending, and, even though I didn't think it could be done, it was better than the first.

This year featured well-known artists such as Father John Misty, Between The Buried And Me, Riff Raff, and Real Estate.

However, I chose to spend my time getting acquainted with lesser-known bands, some of which I was already a fan of, and many

of which I had never even heard of.

I attended shows that featured bands from a wide variety of genres, such as Lizzo (rap/hip-hop), Zig Zags (Black Sabbath-esque metal), Ovlov (emo indie punk), White Denim (experimental indie rock), Joywave (indie pop), and Nightbirds (punk), as well as many more.

I had a fantastic time at CMJ, seeing new acts as well as old. Here are some bands (in no particular order) that blew me away during the past week... check them out!

1. Big Ups

New York natives, a self-described punk/post-punk/nerdcore band, played the Oh My Rockness showcase at the Cameo Gallery in Brooklyn. Their songs range from the brutal and

harsh to the slow, throbbing, and melodic. Their live presence is characterized by the band's front man, Brendan, stalking the stage slowly, twirling the microphone cord around his hands and arms, moving in a puppet-like fashion, as the rest of the band stays relatively still. At one point, Brendan crept off the stage and into the crowd, staring audience members down while scream-singing catchy-yet-unsettling songs such as "Fresh Meat" and "Eighteen Hours Of Static." Check them out at: <http://bigups.bandcamp.com/>

2. Ovlov

Ovlov is an indie/rock/punk/emo band from Connecticut that also played at the same showcase as Big Ups. For this show, the band focused on deeper cuts, such as "Mustachio" and "The Valley." However, they did play a bunch of tunes from their 2013 release—titled "am"—such as the haunting, raucous "Grapes," the soulful, honest "Where's My Dini?," and the powerful, fuzz-guitar filled "Milk." Their songs are sad, yet uplifting, making you move as well as think. Get their music at: <http://ovlov.bandcamp.com/>

3. PUP

PUP is an indie pop-punk band hailing from Toronto, Canada that were featured at the Oh My Rock-

ness showcase. Their stage presence is enormous: the lead singer and guitarist shouts into the microphone while furiously strumming his guitar. The bassist twirls and leaps as the drummer crashes behind them. The rhythm guitarist furiously whips his hair back and forth while leaping in the air. PUP, despite their description, is not your typical pop-punk band: they are talented musically, lyrically, and bring a wild energy to each show they play. Each song is different, yet still extremely catchy; the entire audience was dancing and head-banging as they dominated the stage of the Cameo Gallery. Their debut album just came out earlier this month, and can be acquired for free here: <http://puptheband.bandcamp.com/>

4. Zig Zags

Zig Zags was by far one of my favorite bands that I had the privilege of seeing at CMJ. Zig Zags is an incredibly talented Black Sabbath-esque metal band from Los Angeles. They had the majority of Mercury Lounge thrashing and head-banging along with the music. One of my favorite songs that they played is titled "The Fog," a song based off of John Carpenter's classic film of the same title. The

see THELEN on page 22

MTG's 'Rent' was a 'touching experience'

Tessa Newell
Voice Reporter

Westfield State University's Musical Theater Guild has taken a courageous leap by putting on one of the most prolific and profound shows to ever be on Broadway. *RENT* is a show about a group of friends struggling with poverty, drug abuse, love, and AIDS at the turn of the 1990's, and its message to cherish every day has been moving audiences since 1996 when it first came to Broadway.

The students of MTG have effectively captured that message.

RENT is the work of the late Jonathan Larson who based the operetta off *La bohème*, an Italian opera.

Therefore, being an

operetta, the entire musical is in song. With very little speaking to be done, the singing voices of the cast members have to carry us through the story of *RENT*.

This was an impressive feat. Every member of the 20-person cast had a strong voice to bring to the show, which was shown off through moving solos, whimsical duets and strong chorus numbers. No one principle or ensemble member didn't pull their weight musically and the result was impressive musical numbers that brought the joy, passion and heartbreak of the show to life.

The set of the show was impressively dynamic, utilizing several layers of platforms, varying types of staircases and a

set of scaffolding that allowed the actors to draw the audiences' attention from different points of the stage.

The well-done set created a professional tone for the show, allowed fluid movement for the actors, and made the show very aesthetically pleasing.

Lighting also played a role in the strong visuals of this show. The lights were effectively used to set the scene, tell the story and bring out the overriding emotion of what each scene was trying to convey.

The cast members were not the only ones supplying the music throughout the show; the pit, although hidden backstage, passionately played the rock score of *RENT* without missing a

beat. They worked cohesively with the vocalists, catching their tempos and keeping them on beat to guide them through the never-ending stream of songs.

In this respect, they exhibited great stamina. To be playing for two and a half hours nearly non-stop, every pit member impressively kept the energy of the show high by supply untiring music.

What was most impressive, however, was the overwhelming sense of believability coming out exuberantly from every aspect of the show.

With the scene set with the design and lights, the costumes also set us in the 90's mood with realistic, character-appropriate costumes that spoke to who each character was to the au-

dience. And on top of the passion brought to the music by the pit, the passion brought to the show's message by the cast was incredibly moving.

Every actor was completely immersed in the bleak and hopeful situations of the play and reacted impeccably to each twist and turn of the plot, making each scenario -- whether it made the audience laugh or sob -- more and more believable as the story progressed.

A truly enjoyable and emotionally touching experience, I dare say not one audience member left the opening night of *RENT* on Thursday without admiring how much they have in their lives and feeling grateful for having lived another day.

MTG's 'Rent': 'Well prepared' and 'fantastic'

Kylie Isenberg
Voice Reporter

The students at Westfield State participated in the Broadway musical *RENT*. It was performed Oct. 17-19 on Dever Stage.

The show was about three hours long and fantastic.

The cast was so enthusiastic and really made their characters come alive.

The girl who played as Mimi left me speechless. She had an amazing singing voice and

sang loud enough so that her voice projected to all crowd members.

I feel Mimi had the hardest role since she had a lot of lines to memorize as well as a dramatic character.

Her character was responsible for trying to win over the heart of Roger, who in the beginning had no interest in her.

Throughout the whole play her goal was to show him she was worth loving. Rogers' main goal was to just play his guitar.

The boy who played as Roger really nailed his solos, with a clear voice, and mellow tone. Mimi was the convincer.

Maureen was another really strong character who was played by Morgan, a first-year.

Her role was almost a bit overwhelming since it involved a lot of high-pitched parts.

Morgan did a fantastic job portraying the character of Maureen.

Lastly, Dan Monop-

oli, a senior, played the ensemble male lead. Dan did not have as big a role as Maureen or Mimi, but he did just as good of a job.

Dan kept the audience engaged by his funny acts of kindness.

In the beginning of the play his character was flirting with several of the female characters, which was pretty humorous to watch. All of the female characters seemed the least bit interested.

Overall the play put on by the Westfield

State students was a must see.

All the students made their characters come to life, as if they were not acting.

It seemed as though their role was their real personality since they did such a fine job.

There were no mistakes performed either, every student was well prepared for their part in terms of lines and dance moves.

I can't wait to see what the students put on for the next play. Be sure not to miss out.

Lyndon's Reviews: "Weather Systems" is the best album 'I have ever reviewed so far'

Lyndon Seitz
A&E Editor

The Windupdeads: Army of Invisible Men – This sounds like mature rock in the vein of Radiohead. Note that when I say mature, I do not necessarily mean mature themes in the lyrics, but the music seems more refined than the average fare.

This doesn't necessarily make the music a blessing, but it is a step up from the usual.

Some songs unfortunately don't vary much when they probably should, and there is a lack of innovation that puts them just reaching for the top rung. There are also

distinct U2 influences here, but those can be a bit tiring.

Check out a few tracks (any will do) if you like the style, but other than that it's nothing special.

American Water: This is Where it Ends – This is a rather simplistic rock album, but it's a good simplicity for those looking for a break from a long series of albums that lack confidence in the basic music and instead try to drown you.

While vocals are present, I felt that this is a more instrumental based album and that the music was at its best when it just had that laid back feeling you get for most of the album. You won't always be

in the mood to listen to it, but it's worth having and it's very easy to get into.

Anathema: Weather Systems – This is heavy atmospheric rock/metal that is absolutely beautiful.

When I first heard it, I was absolutely blown away by the two-part "Untouchable" which touches about everything while being driven by guitars of various sorts.

The album isn't afraid to experiment within its sound, and the second half doesn't always sound like the first half ("The Storm Before the Calm" has some jarring parts that will put you on edge in the sense it draws you in).

Easily one of the best

albums I have ever reviewed so far.

Go find this album and listen to it all the way through.

Andrew Ryan: Waiting for Paris EP – I normally don't review music this old (about 6 years), but I'm going to make an exception here.

This is a singer-songwriter type EP that is some of the smoothest music I've heard in a long time, with the vocals doing a lot of the work.

The music at times reminds me of Maroon 5 or Michael Buble, and it has some of the best aspects of both. A standout track is "I'm Not in Love" with a female guest vocalist for those interested.

It's incredibly easy to like this music, and I can't imagine anyone hating it.

Andy Kunch: Musik/Dance/Love – Dance music with an occasional acoustic twist. It is annoyingly repetitive for most of the tracks at best, and I'm quite glad there were only five of them.

This could make for passable club music, and that's only if those in charge of the music are feeling generous to this artist.

The best track is by far "In Your Arms," but it isn't enough to save the rest of the EP.

It isn't worth the effort to listen to, and you can easily find better dance music out there.

'Monsters University' has positive reviews

J.R. Nieb
Voice Contributor

On June 21, 2013, the Disney/PIXAR film, "Monsters University" was released in theaters across the United States. "Monsters University" is the prequel to "Monsters Inc.," which marked the first prequel for a Disney/PIXAR film.

The film was a box office success by grossing \$737 million, making it the fourth highest-grossing film of 2013. \$200 million was the film's estimated budget.

Many critics gave the film positive reviews:

Rotten Tomatoes, a movie critiquing website, gave the movie a 78% approval.

"[Monster's University] is exactly the rebound Pixar needed after 2011's Cars 2 left some wondering if the studio had lost its magic," said Chris Nashawaty, a reporter for Entertainment Weekly. "The delightful story of when Mike met Sulley puts those concerns to rest." Nashawaty said the film got an A-.

Ty Burr, a reporter for *The Boston Globe* said that "Monster's University" "is not a bad movie, and to small children it will be a very good one, but it's closer to average than one would wish for the company that gave us Up, WALL-E, The Incredibles and the Toy Story series."

Stephen Witt, a reporter for *The Newark*

Star Ledger, said "The G-rating is genuine, without any gross-out gags," said Witty. "And there's none of the usual winks to the adults with tired, pop-culture references." Witty also commented that the artwork is accomplished, and intricate. "A reporter for the *New York Daily News*, Elizabeth Weitzman, said that the movie is not up to the highest standards of the company.

Weitzman also added that "it's certainly better than most other kid flicks you'll see this year."

"I thought that it was a great movie overall," said Leigh-Ann Ramsey, a sophomore at Westfield State University. "It exceeded my expectations."

Ramsey said that re-



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ally liked how funny it was and found it to be more humorous than the first movie, 'Monsters Inc.'

However, Ramsey also stated that she liked both the prequel and the original movie equally. "They were both very good, well thought out movies," said Ramsey.

"From what I can

remember, they fit the movie well," said Ramsey about the songs that were featured in the movie.

Ramsey said that the only aspect she would change about the movie is its lengthiness. Leigh-Ann also said she would recommend this movie to other people because she said it was funny and enjoyable.

Knowing to Cook: Bringing People Together I

Ryan Cashman

Voice Columnist

I would like to touch upon an idea I mentioned briefly in last week's column: the gathering of people together through food.

Food is a universal language. While cultures may have different tastes and use an ingredient differently than you or I would, the promise of food and friends has always brought people together.

As I have stated in this column one too many times, I love to cook for others. There is something about having that Italian in me that prevents me from cooking for myself. When I cook, I always make enough food to feed at least five people, because I know even if they don't like

it (which usually never happens) I will have leftovers for myself.

Still, bringing others together is about more than just food. It is about love and friendship and happiness. Food always brings out the best in people. At home, I always see our guests smiling and laughing over good wine and a cheese platter.

Over the course of this current semester, I have cooked several meals for my friends. And while the meals have been draining my Owl Bucks account, the reward of laughter and happiness is worth it in the end.

So, if you are ever looking for a way to become more acquainted with new friends or just looking to spend time with old ones, dig out a few recipes and have a dinner party. Dinner parties don't have to be

pretentious or expensive. Always remember that the most beautiful dishes are often the simplest ones. The number to remember when you are hosting a dinner party is three. You must have three courses: an appetizer, entrée, and desert.

What you choose to prepare is up to you; however, I advise a light appetizer to start and an elegant entrée to fill them. Also, prepare your desert ahead of time and leave it in plain sight. Doing this will keep your guests from filling up on the entrée, so they will have room for your great desert!

"Appetizer" contains the word "appetite", and are therefore meant for appetizing your guests. So, this week I'm giving you a lovely and simple recipe for an appetizer called Bruschetta.

Buona Tavola!



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Bruschetta

Ingredients:

Ingredients:

1 baguette

3 ripe tomatoes (Note: in the summer use a variety of orange, red, and yellow tomatoes)

5-6 basil leaves

1 ball mozzarella cheese

Olive oil

Salt & Pepper to taste

Instructions:

1. Slice baguette into relatively thin slices.

2. Toast bread.

3. Slice and cube the mozzarella and tomatoes.

4. Thinly slice the basil.
5. Throw mozzarella, tomatoes, and basil in a bowl.
6. Add olive oil, salt, and pepper. Mix well.
7. Place toasted bread on a platter and spoon on the mozzarella, tomato, and basil mixture.
8. Serve as appetizer.

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Are you into music?
Are there any concerts going on
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Owls Sports

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Volleyball sweeps Pine Manor, Mass. Maritime in tri-match



PHOTO BY GINNY WILLIAMSON

Sophomore Shannon Shea plays a ball at the net in a match on Saturday. The team beat both Mass. Maritime and Pine Manor 3-0.

Andrew Burke
Layout Editor

The volleyball team was able to sweep their tri-match this weekend against Mass.

Maritime and Pine Manor after senior Julia Warner recorded her 1000th kill in the previous victory over Salem State.

Warner, coming off of a week in which she was awarded Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Player of the Week honors in which she only needed five more kills to reach 1000 entering the game against Salem State on Oct. 15.

She recorded 13 kills and 16 digs in the match, becoming only the third player in

the history of the program to reach the 1000 kills mark.

Warner's parents were in attendance for senior night and she was honored along with fellow seniors Kayleigh Shea and Lindsay Rescott.

The Owls had momentum coming off of a 3-1 senior night victory and were able to carry it over to their tri-match last weekend.

They won matches on Saturday, 3-0 against MASCAC opponent Mass. Maritime and 3-0 against non-conference opponent Pine Manor.

All matches were played at Mass. Maritime's Clean Harbor Athletic Center.

The Owls drew the struggling Mass. Maritime (3-22) first and won handily 25-11, 25-6, 25-5,

only allowing 22 total points throughout the entire match.

Rescott led the team in kills as she has all season with 15 and sophomore Shannon Shea finished with 10 kills.

While the seniors led the way, juniors Carole Duquette, Sarah Green, and Carolyn Cote were key factors in the win.

Duquette finished with four blocks, giving her a total of 45 for the season.

Green had five service aces and nine digs and Cote recorded 34 set assists.

Pine Manor gave Westfield more of a contest than Mass. Maritime, but the Owls were still able to sweep the match 25-9, 25-16, 25, 12.

This game was led by under-

classmen with sophomore Kendyl Haney leading the team with 12 kills in the game and freshman Danielle Hunt receiving 11 digs.

Shea continued her consistent play with 10 kills again, giving her 20 for the tri-match.

Junior Nicole Molleur also recorded 10 kills in the match along with three blocks.

The team now sits at 14-12 entering their final game of the regular season, before the Hall of Fame Classic, against MASCAC opponent MCLA. They will play Mt. Holyoke, Smith, Tufts, and Framingham State in this year's classic before starting the MASCAC tournament on Nov. 6.

The Owls are currently 4-0 in the MASCAC, giving them confidence entering the postseason.

Brady keeps Patriots relevant without star players



PHOTO PROVIDED BY PATRIOTS.COM

Robert Morris Voice Reporter

Tom Brady is a guy who is often thrown among names of the greatest quarterbacks ever. Names like Joe Montana, John Elway, and Peyton Manning are all coexisting with Brady on that elite list.

Peyton Manning who, unlike Montana and Elway, is still in the NFL and is debatably having his best season of his career at age

37 for the Denver Broncos. However, Tom Brady is having a season that should be forgettable by statistics, an unusual statement seeing as the Patriots are standing tough at 5-2.

Brady's completion percentage this season is at a career low right now at 55.4 % (without counting his rookie season when he attempted only 3 passes and completing 1.) Through 7 games, Brady has only thrown 8 touchdowns, a slow start for the record

holder of most touchdown passes in a season with 50.

Manning, on the other hand is on pace to beat that record, delivering 25 touchdown passes through the same number of games. The difference? Brady has been under pressure whenever he drops back. The offensive line has been broken down and Brady has been sacked 20 times with 13 of them coming in the last 3 weeks.

Manning has been quite comfortable in the pocket,

being sacked only 9 times, 4 coming in of their 39-33 loss against the Indianapolis Colts Sunday night.

The Patriots have also been riddled with injuries this year. Rob Gronkowski, one of Brady's favorite targets finally debuted this season Sunday, while players like Danny Amendola, Shane Vereen, Steven Ridley and Leon Washington have been battling injuries all season just to make it back on the field.

Denver's deep receiving core has been relatively healthy all season long. Former New England star Wes Welker is having another huge year catching passes from Manning, already hauling in 8 touchdowns, the same number that Brady has thrown.

Brady has made the most of his receivers this year, making them better as he has done throughout his career. With a plentiful amount of slot receivers in Julian Edelman, Austin Collie and Danny Amendola (when he's

healthy) the Patriots don't have much of any outside options, relying heavily on their two rookie receiver Kenbrell Thompsons and Aaron Dobson.

Both have a plentiful amount of drops and are still learning the Patriots offense as the season continues. Thompsons is the second leading receiver on the team, a positive note, coming from an undrafted rookie.

Brady simply doesn't have the talent that Patriots teams of the past have had. Wes Welker is not coming through that door. Despite that, New England is still finding ways to win; taking many pages out of the book used by the World Series bound Red Sox.

You can never count the Patriots out when they have Tom Brady on the field, I am optimistic about the rest of the season and will never give up on the Patriots. Maybe they catch fire or the fire they have goes out, all I am saying for right now is Sox in four.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, October 17th
W Soccer vs Elms College W 6-0

Friday, October 18th
Field Hockey vs. Worcester State W 4-3

Saturday, October 19th
W XC at Western New England Invite 2nd Place
M Soccer vs. MCLA L 0-4
W Soccer at MCLA W 3-0
Football vs. Mass. Maritime W 37-27
W VBall at Mass. Maritime W 3-0
W VBall vs. Pine Manor College W 3-0
M XC at Western New England Invite 1st Place

Wednesday, October 23rd
M Soccer vs Rhode Island College L 1-2
Field Hockey vs. Keene State L 3-4

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Friday, October 25th
W VBall at Mt. Holyoke College 5:00 p.m.
M Soccer at Worcester State 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 26th
W VBall at Smith College 9:00 a.m.
Field Hockey at Salem State 12:00 p.m.
W Soccer vs Worcester State 1:00 p.m.
W Swimming at Simmons College 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29th
M Soccer at Western Connecticut 7:00 p.m.
Field Hockey at Mount Holyoke College 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 30th
W Soccer vs. Keene State 7:00 p.m.

Women's soccer beats MCLA 3-0 in MASCAC game last Saturday

Ryan Sances Voice Reporter

Westfield State women's soccer continued their hot streak on Saturday defeating Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) opponent Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA) 3-0 in route to their fourth consecutive victory.

Junior Sarah Sypek kicked off the scoring for Westfield in the twenty-second minute notching her eleventh goal of the season off an assist from

junior Ashleigh Chretien allowing the Owls to take a 1-0 lead into the half.

Creighton would put up a score of her own in the second half, her second goal of the season, to double the Westfield lead 2-0 at the forty-sixth minute mark.

Junior Ali Blanchette would cap off the scoring for Westfield, scoring her first goal of the season on a direct kick in the sixty-fifth minute to put the game away.

The Owls controlled much of the play through-

out the contest, outshooting MCLA 26-16, as well as holding an 8-3 advantage in corner kicks.

Senior goalie Jess Habib was solid for the owls in net recording her fifth shutout of the season.

With the victory the red-hot Owls improve their record to 8-5 overall and 4-1 in MASCAC play.

The Owls will next be in action on Saturday, Oct. 26, hosting Worcester State in a key MASCAC matchup at 1 p.m.

I'm Coming Home Again

The Owls beat Mass. Maritime 37-27 in Saturday's homecoming game and have been improving with each passing week



PHOTO BY NANCY BALS

Backup running back Brian Beauchemin replaced junior starter Mike Mercadante in the third quarter because of injury. He did not disappoint, rushing for 140 yards and 2 touchdowns, helping to lead the Owls to a homecoming victory over Massachusetts Maritime.

Matt Stover

Voice Reporter

Westfield survives the emotional rollercoaster that was Saturday's game to clip the Mass. Maritime Buccaneers, 37-27.

Westfield improves to 4-2 on the season, and 3-1 in Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) play.

The difference in

this game was the only takeaway by both sides.

The person who caused the take away, senior Greg Jackson, intercepted a pass inches from hitting the turf and took it to the end zone to give the Owl's the game winning score.

Junior Mike Mercadante was sidelined with an apparent injury early in the third

quarter, when backup running back Brian Beauchemin was put in, rushing for 140 yards and two touchdowns. Westfield led by 20 with 8:18 left in the third quarter.

The Westfield defense had a tough time stopping the Buccaneers after that though, as Mass Maritime put up 20 unanswered points to knot the game up at 27 with 12:08 left

in the fourth.

With seven minutes left in the game Greg Jackson delivered a bone jarring hit that led to the game winning interception.

Michael Orellana put himself in the record books by making a 42-yard field goal, the longest ever made since 1986.

That made the game 37-27 where it would remain as the

game went final.

Senior wide receiver Kane Terilli also had a bid to get into the record books for most receptions in a game with 14, but fell one shy of tying the record.

Westfield continues MASCAC play as they travel to Bridgewater State University next Saturday, Oct. 26, where they'll face the Bears at 1 p.m in hopes of another victory.

Overthinking It: Trent Richardson exemplifies running backs drafted high with overwhelming expectations



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Many running backs drafted in the top 10 often fail to meet expectations. Richardson is still young, but he is currently heading down the bust path.

Joey Cooper
Sports Editor

When hearing the term 'bust' in the National Football League, the quarterback position comes to mind with names like Tim Couch, Ryan Leaf and Ja-Marcus Russell.

Despite the many variables that go into a player's success, the quarterback position always seems to produce the largest group of players who end up falling on their face.

Trent Richardson poses an interesting debate to whether or not he is a bust as a running back selected third overall in the 2012 NFL draft, is a bust.

For a running back with a limited window of years, to be selected in the top 10 warrants consistent pro

bowl numbers each season. This class of running backs includes players such as Adrian Peterson, LaDainian Tomlinson, Fred Taylor, Marshall Faulk, Jerome Bettis, Barry Sanders, Eric Dickerson, Earl Campbell and Jim Brown.

Richardson finished his 2012 rookie season with deceiving traditional numbers with the Cleveland Browns. The Alabama product ran for 950 yards with 11 touchdowns (most coming within five yards), behind what Football Outsiders ranked the 13th-worst run-blocking team in the NFL by adjusted line yards.

Football Outsiders, based on advanced statistics and individual performance ranked Richardson the 6th-worst back in all of football, among qualified backs.

The new regime in Cleveland decided their rebuilding process would be better off without Richardson, in a highly debated trade to the Indianapolis Colts for their first round pick in the 2014 NFL Draft.

Headed to what Football Outsiders ranks the best offensive line in the league, Richardson seemingly fit perfect into a proficient offense lacking a back to bring it all together.

Since his arrival to the house that Peyton built, Richardson has surprisingly gotten worse each week.

Advanced football metrics don't paint a flattering picture for the Southeastern Conference (SEC) talent through the 2013 season.

Through seven weeks of play, Richardson posts a win probability added

(WPA) of -0.10, -4.1 expected points added (EPA), 36.9 success rate (SR %), and 3.0 yards per carry (YPC) which ranks 65th in all of football.

In the highly publicized Sunday Night Football game between the Denver Broncos and Indianapolis Colts, Richardson was fed with 14 carries accumulating 37 yards, averaging to 2.6 YPC, two fumbles with one lost.

Throughout the past decade the NFL has become a league where you throw to win and run to preserve the win. Two teams have invested a lot of stock into a running back well below replacement level productivity.

Players like Richardson threaten the livelihood of running backs everywhere putting into question how

significant their role plays into a team's overall success.

Looking back to the years New England was winning championships, the teams taking home the Lombardi Trophy have predominantly been running back by committee. The overwhelming majority of teams did not feature a league leading back.

Teams like the Patriots, Steelers, Colts, Giants, Saints, and Packers had Super Bowl winning teams with two or more backs carrying the load.

Investing a high pick on a running back can cripple a franchise for a player that will run wild for a four to five year window, just ask Maurice Jones-Drew, a dominant running back a few years ago, but now just another s face in the crowd.

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have several options once they reconvene on Nov. 25.

If the results from the F&R investigation come up with nothing, then the board will leave Dobelle as president.

Another administrative leave is a possibility.

But the investigation could also find something to allow the board to act on his contract.

The president of Roxbury Community College resigned in July 2012 under similar circumstances.

Terrence Gomes, who had been president for nine years, had been criticized for an increase in campus crime, delay in financial aid distribution, and rejection of a job-training program.

His severance package allowed for six-months of pay, unused vacation and sick time, and a gag order, which required both parties from making negative comments about the other.

When terminated from the University of Hawaii, Dobelle was given over \$1 million in cash, a \$2 million life insurance policy, and a deal that had the university pay his legal fees and provide him with a non-tenured research position, amongst other things.

While the university has only \$15 million in reserves, a huge payday for Dobelle would be sure to make headlines should there be a settlement.

The board of trustees seems to be looking for the fairest option in all of this so the investigation will be very helpful to them.

With the spotlight hovering over the university dimmed for a little while, the campus has begun the process of "getting back to normal."

This past Wednesday, Preston held a "We are Westfield" meet and greet event in the Scanlon Banquet Hall for faculty and staff.

The event was very well attended. Attendees were asked to sign a banner with "We are Westfield" spread across the length and received gel bracelets with the same phrase on it in return.

Little else is known about what happened in the meeting last week but the board's next meeting will be Nov. 25 with other details to follow.

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about how to handle the questions surrounding Dobelle

by asking administration for facts about the situation and not look for "drama filled answers."

Senator Tom Durkee, representative for class of 2014, says student should educate themselves to then give out appropriate opinions to other people.

Joshua Clark, representative at large, agreed with Durkee on being educated on the matter and added that students should be careful what they say about the situation to others, especially the media.

He stated, "There has been a lot of sensationalization of the story in the media and if you read one, two, three, or four *Boston Globe* articles and you think you feel educated... that's not the case." Clark says student should read actual documents on the matter to form your own opinion.

Ryan Losco, president of the class of 2016, asked when the board of trustees would release all the information pertaining to the investigation. Koury forwarded the question to Dr. Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs, who said that all information that has been voted and accepted by the university is public knowledge. He also stated that when this situation reaches its "final chapter" all the answers to questions will be available.

Pickron continued to say that the business of the university is going to go on, with the help of the faculty and students, and stated, "When we get to Nov. 25, I know that I, and many of you, if not all of you, hope that this will all come to an end and the news media can find something else to do."

A motion was carried to end the speakers list and eventually Koury's report ended.

Steve Kligerman, vice president of programming, announced that a survey for the spring concert is out and that it will be open till Friday at noon. He said all students should have received an email link to the survey.

Gina Mannarino, Student Athletic Advisory Board Representative, asked Kligerman if the rumor that the committee has already picked out the spring performance is true or not. Kligerman bluntly answered, "No, we haven't picked at all."

Joshua Frank, vice president of finance, presented a finance proposal from the

nursing club requesting funds for their trip to "Bodies Revealed," at the Connecticut Science Center. The trip would help the club understand the human body better. Frank announced that the 28 tickets and the two vans, plus parking, would add up to \$398.02.

Frank then motioned to allocate the \$398.02 to the nursing club. The motion passed unanimously.

Luis Arzola, president of the commuter council, gave a brief report on how commuters are not getting involved that much in the university. He argues that attention must be made to make activities for those commuters who leave the university around 4 p.m.

Those who missed opening roll call were Justin Dooley and Priscilla Aguilar.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be October 29th at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

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tain level of being smart and using what is there to keep your personal information protected.

A large part of it is self-regulation and monitoring what you are storing on the device itself," he said.

While the new iPhone models are still in high demand and very short supply weeks after they hit the market, Apple dealers are already awaiting the next model of the smartphone expected in the Fall of 2014, which will most likely bring with it new privacy concerns as users place increasing trust in their devices, and the companies behind them.

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meal plan of any kind.

"It made a lot more sense to cook my own food because I get to choose what I want to eat every day, and there isn't a certain time when I have to eat it by," said Collin Radley. Radley, a senior business major living in New Hall, came to this realization after spending a semester abroad where he cooked for himself just about every meal.

"When you go home for the weekend or can't make it to the dining hall for whatever reason, that's all money lost with a meal plan," Radley said. "We have everything you need in our kitchen to cook pretty much anything, without wait-

ing for lines or a place to sit in the D.C."

A variable that would hinder students living in residential housing would be transportation to and from grocery stores like Big Y, Stop & Shop or other local food markets.

Both options students are faced with maintain varying qualities. The important part is for students to determine what path best suits their situation and convenience.

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learning process of students. Ingram encourages students to request videos on material she has not yet covered, and assures her audience she will post a requested video shortly thereafter.

In fact, many previous students of hers have recommended her as a professor to other students and classmates. One of Ingram's former Managerial Accounting students, Joseph Russo IV, says he "actually recommended both professors to multiple incoming freshmen from my hometown when they were signing up for classes." In fact, when signing up for classes this semester, Russo says he "looked for professors that used this curriculum of online videos."

A student at the University of Hartford, Lucio Barbalho, compares instructional videos she has used outside of her experience with Ingram. He says, "She is extremely helpful as an educator and really knows how to simplify difficult subjects through her methods of teaching."

Students can find Kristin Ingram at facebook.com/ProfCPA, and view her educational videos at youtube.com/kligram1979.

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band consists of a guitarist, a bassist, and a drummer, all of which sing and pack an incredible amount of energy into each unique song. They also played new songs such as "Scavenger" and "Runaway." I can't recommend this band enough; I highly urge you to listen to them here: <http://zig-zags.bandcamp.com/>

5. White Denim

White Denim is a band that cannot be easily described with words. Their music ranges from rock, to funk, to jazz,

to indie rock, to anything and everything in-between. White Denim is extremely versatile, and their continued success is a testament to their prowess as musicians, songwriters, and showmen. Their new single, "Pretty Green," is danceable and fun, with a funky bass line and neatly strummed guitars—this song will be released on their new album "Corsicana Lemonade," set to be released on Oct. 29 of this year. They played this song as well as many fan-favorites, such as "Burnished," "At The Farm," and "Drug," from their 2011 psychedelic-rock masterpiece "D." They headlined the Aquarium Drunkard showcase at Mercury Lounge—the entire room was packed with wriggling, grooving bodies. If you're looking for something to dance to, look up White Denim in the iTunes store.

6. Joywave

Joywave is an indie pop band from Rochester, New York that played multiple venues throughout CMJ. I had the chance to see them at the Knitting Factory, playing the BMI showcase. Their songs are joyful, happy, catchy, and extremely danceable. The majority of the songs they played were off of their 2012 album "Koda Vista." Joywave had the entire venue moving to such catchy, pretty, electronically-fused delights such as "Golden State," "Anemone," and "Who Do You Like?" This band is a breath of fresh air in a scene loaded with generic, cutesy indie pop bands that all sound the same.

Download and dance to them here: <http://joywave.bandcamp.com/>

7. Enemies

Enemies is an experimental melodic indie rock band from Ireland that played the Topshelf Records showcase at St. Vitus, a metal bar in Brooklyn. Enemies was yet another band I wasn't familiar with, but found myself becoming a fan of as their set went on. Situated on the left side of the stage, I had a perfect view of the band, as well as of the other concertgoers.

I was one of the many bobbing their heads and tapping my feet to the melodic, unique sounds that the band created. The band is made up of talented musicians that have an incredible ear for melody and song composition.

Listen here: <http://enemiesmusic.bandcamp.com/>

Horoscopes

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

This week, you will want to wear a tuxedo all the time.

You will want one while eating, while conversing about random topics with strangers, and while you are sleeping (You can switch tuxedos, for those of you wondering).

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

If at first you don't succeed, try something else that is probably more intelligent than your previous plan. Really, if it didn't work the first time and it wasn't because something went wrong with the plan, then it's the plan.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

You will be happy forever. There is no other way to properly profess how great your life is going to be, and one way everything will work out perfectly.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

So you think things couldn't possibly get any worse? You're wrong. At least you are literate (or have a friend willing to read out horoscopes to you). That's something to be very grateful for, the stars think.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

This is a recording of the emergency horoscope system. This is only a test. If this were an actual horoscope emergency then something other than you reading this message would be happening.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

Peter Piper did not pick this horoscope. The stars have actually filed a restraining order on him, and as such you should not associate with anyone named "Peter Piper" this week.

Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

Put a skip in every step that you take and don't stop. People might give you funny looks, but when you have a good beat in your head there is nothing that anyone can do to stop you.

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

Check your vision and look behind you, as you have not had 20/20 hindsight recently. What you wanted and what you have aren't the same anymore, so you might want to pour some cleaning fluid onto the lenses of your eyes (figuratively).

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

Sugar will be even sweeter to you this week. It is up to you whether you want to indulge in a celebration of cotton candy and cream puffs or avoid it like you've never wanted to before. The stars may not be talking exactly about food sugar here.

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

Yes, say what you will to whom you will this week. You must engage your inner free spirit before you risk losing your relationship with it for the rest of your life.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

The stars will take care of you this week, and solve all of your problems. You just need to have faith in them and do exactly what you'd normally do except with the whole faith in the stars part.

Pisces

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

There is a strange fruit hanging from the tree in your backyard (if you have one, if you don't have a backyard you don't have to worry). You might want to get rid of it this week, if you haven't thought about it already.

Poll Question: What did you think of this week's edition? a) It's great! b) It's okay c) Horrible d) Whatever
Answer online at westfieldvoice.com

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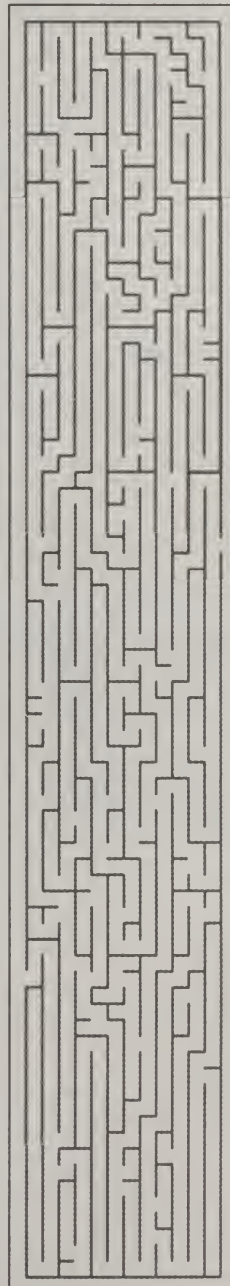
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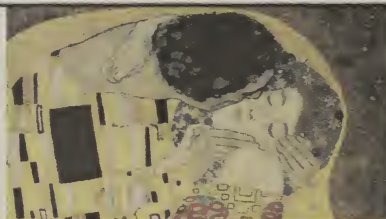
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Class of 2015 Council holds 'Mythbusters' event to inform campus on Dobelle situation

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

The Class of 2015 Council held their 'Mythbusters' event this past Wednesday.

Well attended, the event was aimed at dispelling some of the myths and rumors surrounding the Dobelle controversy.

The event came to fruition from a conversation with Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs, and Sue Lamontagne, dean of students.

The discussion was supposed to be about ways to get updates to the campus about what is currently happening with Dobelle but it turned to the myths and rumors swirling about on campus.

According to the council, some of the rumors dealt with how Dobelle supposedly used student money for his expenditures, how Dobelle was suspended and not put on administrative leave, or even that he used professors' personal credit cards for some of his spending.

They said that there are still students who think Pickron is acting president, not Liz Preston.

This inspired Rich Darrach, Ally Davis, Chris Michaud, and Mike Brett to put together the event to get rid of the myths and rumors.

About forty students came to the Owl's Nest to hear university administration answer their

many questions on the situation.

The administrators who attended the meeting were Pickron; Lamontagne; Carol Persson, vice president of enrollment management; and Michael Nockunas, chief of Public Safety.

After junior class president Rich Darrach read the official Student Government Association statement regarding the situation, Pickron took the stage to begin the process of fielding questions.

He said that there is still an ongoing investigation from multiple offices into the activities of the president regarding his spending so there is not too much that can be said.

He also said that the event was not meant to be a "debate or finger pointing."

When asked if the Wilson Annex will be off-track due to the freezing of the funds, Pickron said that the planning of the project is still moving forward.

The cost is still in the neighborhood of \$50 million as it was previously projected.

Pickron also mentioned that the project to increase the accessibility of Davis Hall is on target as well.

When asked about the lawsuit, Pickron explained that Dobelle was only suing the executive council of the board of trustees.

He said that the best-case scenario in his view would be that "all lawsuits are dropped, all investigations are over, and proper action is taken." Proper action

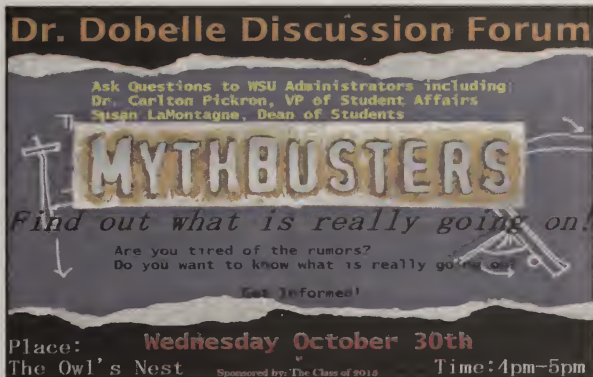


PHOTO FROM THE JUNIOR CLASS FACEBOOK PAGE
This poster was put all over campus to encourage students to bring their questions to the event. It drew the ire of Vice President Carlton Pickron who thought it insinuated that the "nitty gritty" would be spelled out.

to Pickron was based on the outcome of the investigations.

When another student had asked who was paying for the trustees' investigation, Pickron said that the university was paying for Fish & Richardson's services.

Darrach thought that the event served its purpose and that it provided an opportunity for students to speak out.

"I was impressed that it was a conversation and not a debate," said Darrach. "I was really impressed by the turnout; it shows that students care."

Questions were taken until 5 p.m. but students were encouraged to forward any other questions to Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, and Stone Koury, student trustee.

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News from other schools

The Daily Collegian, UNIV. OF MASS., AMHERST

An 18-year-old female was indecently assaulted at the intersection of Berkshire Terrace and North Pleasant Street between 11:30 p.m. and midnight on Saturday. According to police, she is a student at UMass Amherst

Springfield Student, SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

On Thursday, Oct. 24 at approximately 6:30 p.m., the final numbers were tallied and the ARAMARK workers at Springfield College were informed that they had won the election for a union by a vote of 58-26.

The Huntington News,
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
School of Journalism Professor Nick Daniloff earned the honor of Journalism Educator of the Year by the New England Newspaper and Press Association (NENPA).

The Daily Campus,
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
Emil Helyer, 19, of Meriden, was arrested at 126 North Eagleville and charged with sexual assault in the fourth degree and disorderly conduct. Helyer turned himself in to the UConn Police after learning of an active warrant for his arrest

The Daily Orange,
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
2 time poet laurette, Billy Collins, spoke on campus on Wednesday. The event attracted people from all over the state of New York.

Senior Adam Lamontagne makes a run for a Chicopee City Council seat

Matthew Carlin
Asst. Managing Editor

Westfield States senior Adam Lamontagne is in a tough political battle this election cycle.

The 27-year-old commuter is currently serving his third term on the Chicopee School Committee, a body he was elected to in 2007.

There, he represents the citizens of Chicopee's ward one who chose Lamontagne as their school committeeman over incumbent Dana Cutter, who was a well-known teacher in the city.

"I was watching a school committee meeting and decided to run because I felt I could do a better job," said Lamontagne.

He must be doing something right as he ran unopposed in 2009 and handily beat his 2011 opponent, Trina House, by over 700 votes.

As such, Lamontagne serves as the chair of two subcommittees: Curriculum and Policy/Human Resources.

This year, however, Lamontagne decided to run for the ward's city council seat to replace the ten-year incumbent, Dino Brunetti.

When going door-to-door in the ward, he tells the voters that

he is running for council after years of being urged to move up to the top legislative body in the city.

After introducing himself, he hands them a postcard with his picture, qualifications, and cell phone number, which he encourages people to call if they "ever need anything."

A 2012 graduate of Holyoke Community College, Lamontagne jumped into politics early.

Being chosen in 2005 for positions on the Conservation Commission and Mobile Home Rent Control Board, Lamontagne got the taste for elected office.

"I enjoy working with the administration and my colleagues to work on cutting drop-out rates and increasing test scores," said Lamontagne.

As chairman of the Curriculum Subcommittee, Lamontagne held administrators accountable for raising the bar.

But throughout all of his time on the school committee, Lamontagne knew he could help on a larger scale.

"I work to improve the educational standards in our schools and now I want to work to improve the quality of life for all in Chicopee," said he said.



PHOTO FROM ADAM LAMONTAGNE'S FACEBOOK

Adam Lamontagne has been campaigning since the early summer. Lamontagne is pictured above at a 7:30 a.m. stand-out aimed at morning commute drivers.



PHOTO FROM ADAM LAMONTAGNE'S FACEBOOK

Lamontagne has knocked on over 2,000 doors in ward one thus far. He is seeking the ward one seat on the Chicopee City Council.

"I've knocked on over 2,000 doors in the ward so far and a lot of the voters remember me as their school committee representative," said Lamontagne.

"Most people have been very positive about me becoming their new city councilor."

He feels that the best way to bring about

change is right at the local level because it directly impacts people.

He wants to take on many of the challenges that are facing the city such as opposing potential trash fees, improving the infrastructure in the city, and making sure that the voters are getting their fair share of the tax dollars.

New email system was the topic of discussion at SGA

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

As the days get shorter, colder, and daylight savings ends, The Student Government Association hold their 8th meeting of the year in a productive fashion.

Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, welcomed her guest speaker to begin her report to the senators.

Chris Hirtle, Chief Information Officer, talked to the senators about a possible new emailing system, and other technological advances for Westfield State University. He first stated that over the summer the IT department had increased the bandwidth on campus to make student computers run faster than last year.

Hirtle explained that the more bandwidth is increased, the more likely students will want to use it. His department has seen a huge increase in the number of devices students are using to connect to the Internet with their smart phones, laptops, tablets, game systems, and even smart TVs.

Hirtle continued on by saying the IT department is doing well compared to other institutions for making sure there is enough bandwidth for the University, but some problems come with the task of making the internet accessible to everyone anytime.

The officer told the senators that streaming videos, from places like Netflix or Hulu, were some of the major "hogs," that drain a lot of bandwidth. He encouraged students to go the IT Helpdesk in their "My-Westfield" portal and read on how they can make their internet faster and better for all on campus.

Some Internet and wireless issues have been reported from Courtney and Scanlon hall. Hirtle said the department has

contracted to have a "wireless survey." The survey will have a group find out of strongest and the weakest signals that are in different parts of the halls and address the weak spots by reconfiguring how the signal reaches those spots.

Hirtle next stated that five computer labs have been upgraded with new computers. Rooms such as; Bates RGIS lab, Bates 04, Wilson 406, 407, and Ely 313 were added to over the summer. Also nine computers were added to library as well.

Hirtle's final topic was announcing that the Westfield State student email would be upgrading to Office 365, which is distributed by Microsoft. Hirtle says that sticking with Microsoft Office 365 will be an easy transition to the new email system because the look and feel of it is relatively the same.

"Office 365 lets you keep your Westfield State email address for life," Hirtle explained. The current email system keeps student's email after they graduate only for two semesters. A larger mailbox, 50 GB, is provided in Office 365 along with sending larger attachments that can be up to 25 MB. The software can be accessed anywhere by use of a student's identification and live video chats can take place as well.

Hirtle hopes that students' emails will begin migrating to Office 365 by the end of December. He said he would also like to put on a demonstration for the SGA to show how the software works.

Most of the senators voiced their appraisal for the new email software.

Albert Fava, Courtney Hall president, testified to the problems of connecting to the Internet in the hall, and even went further saying using an Ethernet cable

didn't work. Rebecca DiVico, vice president of student life, was no stranger to the problem saying that Scanlon had faulty Ethernet jacks and old wiring when she was living in the hall but was a problem that could be fixed.

Hirtle also stated that most of the halls are made out of solid concrete and hinders most Wi-Fi connectivity, but working ways to improve the problem is what IT does every day.

Rebecca DiVico, asked the final question if the spam filter, Maia Quarantine, will be brought over to Office 365. Hirtle said that the new software would provide a better and improved filter but didn't discourage the current one saying, "What we have now works very well and if we were to turn it off, it would be mass chaos due to the amount of spam that comes through."

A motion was carried to end the speaker's list and Hirtle left the podium with great applause from the senators.

Susan Lamontage gave a quick word by introducing Linda Kretchmar, Graduate Intern, who will be working 150 hours in student affairs to receive her master's degree from Kaplan University. Kretchmar said she really wants to understand student life outside the classroom and all senators are encouraged to ask for help or advice in any activity.

The madam president finally reclaimed the podium and approved Matthew Carlin, Tara Saraf Conner Swan. Fote then painfully gathered four senators to form the constitution committee that looks over the entire SGA constitution every four years.

The lucky senators who won a spot on the committee were; Brittany Moniz,

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The cost of college is staggering

Maye Randell
Voice Reporter

Have you ever heard the rumor that college students must skimp by in order to pay for school? An informal survey I recently conducted shows this rumor may be close to fact for many university students. The survey procured some results corresponding with this rumor. Out of the 70 participants of the survey, 74% attended a public university while 21% and 4% of students attended private and two-year schools respectively.

When I asked Nick Wyman, a junior at Westfield State University, about these results he said, "I think this just sort of shows the priorities of college students these days, we don't

have the money for fancy schools, we're just trying to get the degree and get out with the least amount of financial damage."

Speaking of financial damage, according to this survey, 36% of students pay between \$15,000-\$20,000 each semester for school with 13% paying more than \$20,000. 23% of responders pay less than \$10,000 a semester. Many students, whatever the cost per semester of their respective institutions, receive no help from either the government through financial aid or from their parents. 24% of students who took the survey received no financial aid through the government or school whatsoever. And 26% received no help from their parents when it came to paying the bills.

Westfield State student and survey taker, Shayna Dalton said, "My parents help me as much as they can with my school bills. I would never be able to make it without them. It's baffling that some kids have to pay all by themselves, I don't know how they do it." Shayna was in the 24% of responders who said their parents help pay about half their bill every semester.

Another source of help during bill season is loans. According to the survey, only 21% of students do not use any type of loan to pay their bills. The rest have some sort of help with loans including the 16% who said their entire bill is paid for with loans.

Due to the lack of funding from parents and outside sources and the loans

that must be paid back, 64% of students work during the semester to help pay for school and 77% work as much as they can during breaks and summers.

WSU junior Mikayla Pagnini told me she works about 20 hours a week during the semester. "It's definitely hard to balance schoolwork and real work, I don't really have a choice though, my parents wouldn't help pay for school if I just stopped working," said Pagnini. Mikayla went on to say how she finds a way to get everything done that she needs to regardless of her job, "even if it means giving up weekends."

An encouraging result that may demonstrate it's not all as bad as it seems for us students is the results to the question "Do you have

enough money to spend on 'extras' such as movies, clothes, videogames, dinner, etc." Only 14% of responders claimed they can almost never spare money while the rest said they can sometimes or always find a way to do the activities they want. Another light at the end of the tunnel: 84% of students said they will be able to graduate in 4 years regarding their financial situation; they will not have to take time off to work to pay for school. College student Rich Mingace said, "even though I will have debt when I graduate, I'm confident I can work it off without having to give up my goal of graduating on time." 90% of responders said they would have at least some debt after they graduate.

A Q and A with Professor Max Saito

J.R. Nieb
Voice Contributor

Q: "Where did you grow up?"
A: "I grew up in Yamagata, Japan."
Q: "What was the first language he learned to speak?"
A: "That was the Japanese language."
Q: "Tell me about the comparison between Japanese and English languages."
A: "Those two languages are very, very different and grammatically quite opposite to each other."
Q: "When did you start to learn how to speak English?"
A: "I think it was in my seventh grade, we used a textbook. That's how I started

English language."
Q: "How did you learn English?"
A: "Through mostly reading and writing."
Q: "Do you speak any other languages?"
A: "Yes, I speak Singali. I used Singali language when I was working in Sri Lanka at technical college. I was teaching automobile maintenance or automobile technology. So for two years, I used Singali language when I was teaching there."
Q: "How did you go about learning Singali?"
A: "First, I had to learn how to read and write and then I also practiced speaking because I was living and working in Sri Lanka."
Q: "What was it like living

in Sri Lanka?"
A: "There's so many people there, and that's how I learned and also by practicing the language everyday at work."
Q: "When did you first come to the United States?"
A: "It was December of 1989."
Q: "And why did you come to the United States?"
A: "I wanted to study at a college in the United States. I had studied at a two-year college in Tokyo, Japan, and I wanted to pursue a bachelor's degree here in the United States. Now I live in Florence, which is a part of Northampton, Massachusetts."
Q: "What did you do before working at Westfield State University?"

A: "I was a guidance counselor in Washington DC. I worked with Japanese students, about 50 of them, and studied at the different universities in Washington DC."
Q: "How did you find that job?"
A: "I had just finished my master's degree, and I was looking for a job, then I found that job on posting, so I applied."
Q: "For how long were you a student?"
A: "I must have been about 32 years old when I was still an undergraduate program."
Q: "How did you become interested in communications?"
A: "It quite dates back, my time in Sri Lanka, and I had

to pay very close attention to communication between myself and my students there, especially when I was speaking Singali," said Saito. "And I also noticed a lot of poverty, and some terrorist attacks actually in Sri Lanka. So I became very curious about communication and politics," said Saito. "But initially, I was leaning toward learning about international politics for my undergraduate program or I even thought about pursuing engineering because I used to be an auto mechanic."
Q: "How did you develop your interest in communication?"
A: "I thought it would be a

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First year students are enjoying new experiences and opportunities



Incoming freshman are now settled in to the college lifestyle and all have had a unique first 2 months. They hope to have more experiences before graduation.

Emily Hendrickson
Voice Reporter

It's been two months, since college has started. I remember the morning of coming to Westfield State University as a

freshman. I had woken up at 8 a.m. and was tired. I had been out late the night before with my best friends, and we had stayed out until 12:20 a.m., just hanging out. All my college materials were packed the car and

ready to go.

I got myself ready, put on a tee shirt and jean shorts, then applied eyeliner and mascara, and kept my hair naturally curly. After I finished this process, I took one last look at my pretty

purple room, and it was a bittersweet feeling.

I was sad to leave my friends as we all went to different colleges, but very excited and hopeful to have a new experience. I turned out the light in my room, walked down the stairs, and climbed into the car with my mom, dad, and sister.

As we drove out of my town, it was a weird feeling that I wouldn't be coming back here for a while, and that high school was actually over. I put in my headphones and listened to my favorite songs and looked out the window as we drove on the highway. Everything was changing and the future was unknown, which was a new feeling for me.

Arriving at college was fun. Setting up and decorating my room, meeting new friends, and starting classes were my first priorities. College was a new experience, and it's been two months since that first day I arrived.

Since then, I've joined many clubs, made great friends, been doing great in my classes, and using the gym every day. You always expect college to be a certain way, but you actually don't know what college is like, until you're in college. Westfield has become home to me now.

I have adapted to this new life. That's what college is about: trying new things, being positive and meeting new people.

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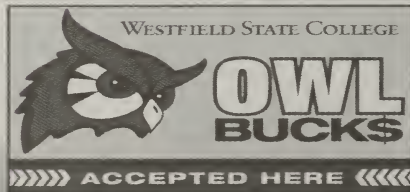
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The Conservative View: The NSA should be keeping their secrets as secrets!

Matthew Carlin
Asst. Managing Editor

In recent weeks, the United States has been making headlines across every media outlet in the Western world.

From government showdowns to website screw ups, the United States has been on the lips of people everywhere.

Now, however, it seems that the U.S. is making headlines for yet another negative event. In the past few months, it has been leaked that the United States National Security Agency (NSA) has been gathering intelligence on our dear allies across the Western Hemisphere.

From Brazil and Mexico, to France and even Germany, the NSA has placed its recording devices, eavesdropping hardware and discerning eye.

President Obama is currently under fire from both congressional leaders and foreign leaders concerning the breach of trust that the

NSA has made.

Reports estimate that over 60 million phone calls, emails, and financial reports were recorded and documented by the NSA.

NSA director, Keith Alexander, called the reports of the leaked information to be completely false, and that all information collected was done so in cooperation with our European allies.

Alexander made a statement to the House Intelligence Committee about the NSA saying, "It (the data) represents information that we, and our NATO allies, have collected in defense of our countries and in support of military operations." What ever the case may be, it does not hide the fact that the NSA has been left free for too long.

In a strange yet reassuring move, both Democrat Harry Reid and Republican John Boehner agreed that the NSA must come under a thorough review.

French President, Francois Hollande, stated something along

the lines of, not only does the U.S. have no reason to, but that we shouldn't be spying on our allies in general.

The German government threatened to shut off our ability to investigate banking transactions of suspect terror groups, while Spanish media is calling the NSA "dirty spies."

British Prime Minister David Cameron came to the defense of the United States stating that the information was not harmful and that intelligence gathering was not an uncommon occurrence in the international community.

I am personally sick of all the negative press about the government,

and yes I recognize the irony when I consider my last few articles.

I believe with the bipartisan agreement to review our intelligence agencies and their policies, the government will begin a transition into a more favorable opinion in the eyes of both its citizens and our international allies.

The thing that really sickens me though, is the fact that our intelligence agencies and government can't even keep their secrets as secrets!

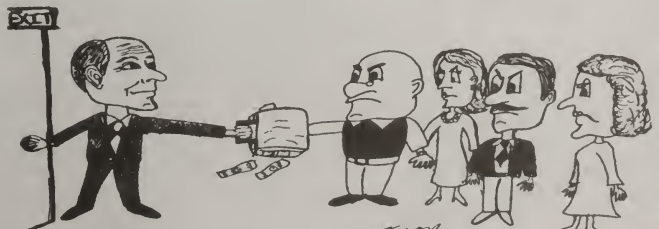
How many times has our government been caught doing something it shouldn't? How many documents, how many hours of so-called 'secured conversations'

have been leaked in the last few years? I guess the real concern I have is how can we, with the amount of money we spend, not afford to keep our secrets safe?

As the story progresses I hope I can provide more insight into the mishaps of our nations international security interests.

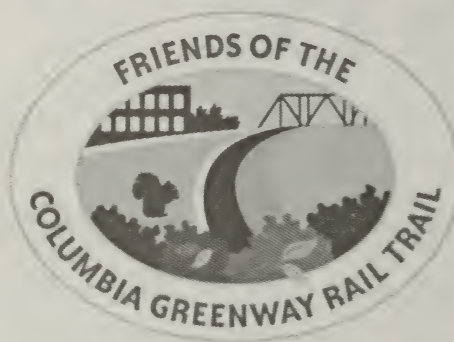
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Letter to the Editor



WESTFIELD MASSACHUSETTS

Reconstruction of Western Avenue

For some time, the City (of Westfield) has been working on a design for the reconstruction of Western Avenue; after several informational meetings, revisions were presented this evening, Wednesday, October 23. We are greatly concerned about significant shortcomings in the current design. It is our belief the City should be calling for the highest level of safe bicycle accommodation within this design. Such a position represents true forward thinking, and is consistent with the City's adopted downtown revitalization plan.

Over the past 10 years, the wisdom on and standards for transportation projects have shifted dramatically. Today both the Federal Highway Administration and the state transportation agency, MassDOT, have ex-

PLICIT policy statements on the need to design in a multi-modal manner and to promote bicycle and walking as equally valid means of transportation. The reasons for this are obvious — reduction in green house gases as short trips are made by foot or bike; improved health from walking and biking for recreation and travel; less congestion and associated stress; and, equity in public spaces and facilities for all users/taxpayers. This switch to developing a true multi-modal transportation system is the new way of doing business. Truly progressive cities and universities throughout the United States have made this a priority with extremely positive results. The current proposal — which does nothing more than provide shoulders for bicycles — is a plan stuck in 1970 thinking, not a visionary one for 2013 and beyond.

The reconstruction of Western Avenue presents a unique opportunity to improve conditions for bicyclists,

pedestrians, and the neighborhood. Western Avenue, in fact, exhibits all the criteria of a project highly suited to multi-modal, safe accommodation. These include:

1. Western Avenue is a major east/west link in Westfield's transportation system. Bicyclists want to travel this way for the same reasons everyone does — it is one of the few routes that connects key destinations. These destinations include: the (Westfield State) University, Stanley Park, Highland Avenue Elementary School, Noble Hospital, YMCA of Greater Westfield, downtown (including the forthcoming Gaslight District and student housing at Landsdowne Place and Washington Street), the Columbia Greenway, Amelia Park, Amelia Park Ice Arena, Amelia Park Childrens Museum, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Westfield, Westfield Middle School South, and more.

2. Because of its role as a major connector, Western Avenue has an extremely high level of traffic — 15,000 ADT. In addition, the mix of traffic includes automobiles, buses, and trucks. Both of these realities, plus the traffic speed, call for a design that provides a high level of safety for bicyclists. A solid line shoulder is in fact one of the lowest levels of safety for bicycle accommodation. The highest level of safety is, of course, a separate bicycle path.

3. During a three

month period (November 2012 to January 2013), Western Avenue has been the site of the death and injury of several bicyclists. This fact alone should be enough for all parties to demand a high level of safety for bicycle accommodation — not one of the lowest standards as the current design exhibits.

4. While the constraints of space confront bicycle accommodation on some roadways, Western Avenue is not one of them. There exists a generous right-of-way of 80 feet. Lack of space then, is not a reason to provide less safe bicycle accommodation — especially in light of the previous point.

5. Current best practice for transportation design calls for a concept known as "complete streets." Beyond supporting bicycle and pedestrian trips, complete streets also lower traffic speeds — something the neighborhood has expressed as highly desirable.

6. While there has been a preliminary suggestion that bicycle accommodation will come in a later phase, this is not a viable option. Major reconstruction is done very infrequently and should address all needs comprehensively. It is highly unlikely future phases will be completed as this would mean disruption to traffic for a second construction period, queuing to secure additional funding, and undertaking additional public hearings. Segmenting the project, doing complete improvements section by section, would be preferable, or securing

additional funding so all parts of the project can go forward simultaneously.

7. Westfield State University has made a commitment to developing downtown housing. A properly designed Western Avenue would acknowledge this with a multi-modal connector between the University and downtown. In fact, recently published research has shown that safe bicycle accommodations increase the amount of trips made by bicycle. Supporting safe bicycle accommodation is a way to address student traffic along Western Avenue, and provide an affordable transportation option for students.

8. The City's 2009 downtown plan supports the economic development and recreational aspects of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail. A multi-modal Western Avenue furthers these goals by establishing a network of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure connecting to and from the Greenway. A well designed multi-modal system will bring people to downtown, not merely through downtown.

For all these reasons, we believe the City should be designing for the reconstruction of Western Avenue as a multi-modal transportation corridor offering a high degree of safety for pedestrian and bicycle users; reduced traffic speeds for neighborhood residents; and, an increased modal shift from automobiles to bicycles.

From the Editor's Desk

I am most definitely taking a break from the Dobelle controversy this week, at least in my editorials. The semester thus far has been nothing but Dobelle so I think it would be nice to change it up a bit.

This week, I'm going to discuss the common core. At the university, a core of 49 credits is required to graduate. At most other universities, the cores are much lower, hovering somewhere around 36 credits.

Why the disparity?

One cannot be certain, but what I do know is that it bogs down the educational process and discourages eager (over-achieving, like myself) students from attempting minors or other concentrations that they might be interested in.

When I arrived at this university, I was lucky enough to start off with nine credits. I earned these credits from taking the Advanced Placement tests in high school and was lucky to have earned credit for three classes at this school.

There are nine credits out of the way, but what about the other forty-odd credits?

When I was a first-year putting together my schedule for the spring semester, I was quite frustrated with the very rigid core that I was required to follow before I could even begin to start looking at my major requirements.

I ended up basically ignoring the recommended schedule that the university proposes for creating schedules and went along my own route.

Although it made sense for me at the time, it drove my advisor crazy and it put me a little off-track and behind.

What we should have is a

much smaller core.

There is no need for three different sections under the Humanities Section: English Composition, Literary & Philosophical Analysis, and Appreciation of the Arts.

How about in Diversity: Global Diversity and United States Diversity.

There are eighty classes under that section alone. There are six credits required, three from each section. It makes more sense to combine the sections and reduce the amount of credit requirements to make it seem less daunting.

Combine the sections, shrink the amount of credits required, and move on. The core should only require an average of three credits per section.

The core as it stands now also offers advantages to students of certain specific majors.

For instance, under the United States Diversity core, out of the thirty courses, ten are under the Ethnic and Gender Studies department.

Out of the fifty classes in the Global Diversity section, twenty courses are under the World Languages department.

Students who study any of these majors have an automatic advantage of completing this part of the core over a student who has no interest in any of those thirty classes that I mentioned or any of the other classes in the Diversity section.

Students who have severe difficulties in mathematics have no interest in taking two math classes.

Same for students who have difficulty in the sciences.



PHOTO BY JENNIFER MINITER, PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Andrew Burke, Race Rugh, Matthew Carlin, and myself in an obviously posed photo in the office of The Westfield Voice.

Require the lab course but get rid of the other course. The Science section would then be four credits required instead of the seven.

There are plenty of places to shave credits off the core; I just wonder why we pass on doing it.

One possibility I'm mulling about in my mind is the possibility that faculty would not want their course enrollment numbers to drop. If a professor is getting a small number of students to enroll in a class because it is in the common core, they are not going to want their course to be taken off of it.

The course would be cancelled.

I think the emphasis here should be on the students. Are students getting their money's worth currently?

If the answer that comes to your mind is no, then I think it is worth thinking that the core has something to do with it.

I have no problem with requiring a certain amount of credits to be taken on a variety of topics, but I feel like it

prevents students from getting the education that they want.

Students should be able to get their core finished within their first year or first three semesters, start their major courses in the sophomore year, electives in the junior year, and being able to start a minor or two by senior year.

In my case, I am a history major with a concentration in secondary education, all while attempting to get two minors: political science and French/Francophone studies.

I will not finish the French/Francophone studies minor, it just won't happen. I will finish the political science minor this semester, but the minor did set me back a little because I had to/still have to finish my core.

The point is, let's start a conversation about the common core.



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Gentlemen's Weekly: Review of the Drew Estate Natural Limited Irish Hops cigar

Josh Minardi
Voice Columnist

Hello everyone, this week I would like to start my first monthly cigar review. As anyone who knows me will be aware of, I am a bit of a cigar aficionado.

Each month, I will choose a cigar from my humidor and write a review about it.

The purpose of this review is to give information about any given cigar so that my fellow cigar smokers as well as those aspiring to be cigar smokers can make an informed decision about purchasing a particular cigar.

So, enjoy this review and always remember that if you have any questions about cigars, or would like to join me for one sometime, come up to me and say hello.

Cigar Brand & Extension: Drew Estate, Natural Limited Irish Hops

Country of origin: Nicaragua

Format: Toro

Size: 6 x 52

Wrapper: Mexican San Andres Negra

Filler: Brazilian and Nicaraguan

Handmade: Yes

Appearance: The wrapper on this cigar is the essence of beauty. Its color can only be described as being the color of luscious dark chocolate.

The wrapper has a nice oily shine, and one can tell that it will be packed with flavor. As soon as it is unwrapped a sweet smell emanates from the cigar.

When the pre-light draw is taken, this smell is backed up by a sweet taste, reminiscent of Bailey's Irish

Cream.

Construction: This cigar was clearly picked with the utmost care, clearly evident by the lack of thick veins that may lead to an uneven burn.

That said, there were some very thin veins, but these made no impact. The only criticism I have with the construction was the cap. The cap appeared to have been cut slightly larger than it ought to be.

Once it was cut, however, there were no splits or peeling. Upon further investigation, it appears that this cap issue is on an overwhelming majority of cigars, which makes me wonder if this was part of the cigar's design.

Flavor: As soon as the cigar was lit, the flavor hit me, literally. The Bailey's taste came out immediately, stronger than the smell.

Through the length

of the cigar was a consistent hint of spice. This mix helped with the overall flavor.

It's not that the Irish Cream taste was a bad thing, but I could definitely see it becoming overwhelming had it not been offset by the spice factor.

As the cigar burned down, the spice flavor grew, which was a pleasant kick. The aftertaste when the cigar burned down left the palate with a nice mellow taste, similar to a whiskey flavor.

Overall rating: This cigar is great. While I'm not a huge fan of cigars that are infused with sweet flavors, this really was a pleasant treat for my taste buds. The ash had a nice light gray, layered look, and held on until passed the halfway point; the burn was very even.

The draw was consis-

tently effortless, however, I do have one other criticism. The draw did not produce as much smoke as I prefer, but that is just personal preference.

Overall, I give this cigar an honest 9-9.5/10.

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Editor's Note: Cigar smoking is not a safe alternative to smoking cigarettes or chewing tobaccos. If you are going to smoke, please use one of the gazebos located at either end of campus. There is one behind the Ely Campus Center and one by Mod Hall by the Commuter Lot.

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Who Even Reads Books?

Reading for pleasure is a great thing, and helps lead to a greater intelligence and intellect.

Race Rugh

Op-Ed Editor

How many times have you heard someone make some sarcastic remark about how reading isn't the cool thing to do? Or when you look on someone's Facebook profile, and under 'Books' it says: 'Who Reads'? Well, I do, and you know what, just about anybody who strives to be more intelligent and successful does as well.

There was some minor hesitation when planning this column because of the obvious: I am talking about the benefits of reading for pleasure to an audience of people who most likely read. What I mean is, someone who says "who reads?" probably isn't going to be reading this. My hope is that you will find this relatable to yourself and then show it to a friend who isn't that all into reading. Also, maybe you haven't thought about some of the benefits to your reading and it will inspire you to read even more. (Perhaps it will inspire more people to keep reading The Voice as well.)

I was a terrible student in high school. When I say terrible, I mean I graduated with a D average. Needless to say, I wasn't much into any kind of studying or reading, on my own

or for an assignment. That's not to say I didn't read anything though. Throughout a number of years I read a majority of the twenty-two book long juvenile fiction series, The Screech Owls, by Roy MacGregor. I was reading in moderation, and what I was reading wasn't intellectually stimulating (as anyone who has read that series understands). But it was Patriot Games, written by the recently deceased Tom Clancy that instigated my love for reading. Not only did it begin my love for reading, it began my quest for knowledge, and this is what I want to discuss.

Some people don't read books because school turned them off of the idea. Reading novels is obligatory for some High School and College courses, and that can completely stave off any motivation to read in one's free time.

What needs to be realized is that when you are reading for pleasure you don't have to analyze each sentence. It's exactly like watching a good movie, except the authors allow you to create your own images and meanings. And no, when you read The Great Gatsby, you don't have to listen to anyone lecture an entire classes length on why that green light is

so damn important. You know it is important, and that is that. Keep reading.

When you are reading you get to see parts of the world in ways you may never be able to. On that Friday night you have nothing to do, instead of cracking open a six pack, find a copy of The Grapes of Wrath and take a trip across the far west with John Steinbeck.

Not only can reading improve your imagination, but it can improve your vocabulary and grammar, which in turn improves your communication skills. I need not continue the chain of improvements, but you can see the trend. Not only can it improve all of those things and more, it can also make reading for school more enjoyable.

When you have a few books under your belt, reading for school becomes much less of a chore, and hey, isn't that what we all want?

You don't have to start with one-thousand page novels, such as Infinite Jest written by David Foster Wallace. You can start out with a small book such as Carrie, by Stephen King. Possibly even works written by Emily Dickinson or Robert Frost. Short chapters, short reads. If you haven't been reading often, these suggestions

may work well for you. (Of course you can start with whatever you feel comfortable.)

Reading has improved my life in so many ways. I can look at my assigned readings and see some enjoyment in them. I can have better conversation with people, and really have something intelligent to say. Since I have been seriously reading, my writing ability has improved significantly.

Not only has it done wonders on my social life, I have become a much better student. Since I started reading habitually, I have had my name on the Dean's List (at my former school). I attribute

my personal gains to my enjoyment of books. I believe that reading books in your free time can improve the quality of your life in so many ways; I would recommend it to anyone, especially someone who struggles with the assigned reading in class and has trouble writing papers.

Reading for pleasure can make your life better, and it is absolutely something to be proud of. Next time someone sarcastically asks, "Who even reads?", say "I do."

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"Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leaves turn." - Elizabeth Lawrence

SIGMA TAU DELTA LEAF RAKING

Once again the tedious chore of raking your lawn comes around. But it doesn't have to be that way! Sigma Tau Delta (the English Honor Society) wants to help you out!

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From 'The Voice' Vault

Trustee meeting marked by protest

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Andrew Nelson
Michael Keegan
Owl Editors

Students calling for an investigation of Westfield State College by the inspector general held a petition drive in front of Parenzo Hall last Tuesday, while inside faculty and alumni sat in protest at the board of trustee meeting.

The students, Todd Lagimonier, Bruce Goodwin, and Don Lincoln, all seniors, collected signatures in hopes of sending a petition to state legislators calling for an investigation by the Inspector General Joseph R. Barresi.

"we're pushing for an investigation by the inspector general," said Lagimonier. "Most people know what is going on and are willing to sign it (the petition)."

Lagimonier said they obtained about 500 signatures and are hoping for at least 1500 before they send the petition to legislators.

"We think students should get

involved," he said. "They're (waiting) to see what happens."

Goodwin said he wants to see an investigation that would resolve what he feels is a cover-up at Westfield State. "We want it cleaned up," said Goodwin. "We are concerned with the name of Westfield State College."

He said many students are afraid to sign the petition or get involved because they do not realize what is happening at the college. "Students have to realize what is right," he said.

Most students came to sign the petition because they were unhappy with the trustees approving the \$10,000 payment to a student who charged he was sexually assaulted by former president Francis J. Pilecki.

"I feel that you can't trust them (trustees)," said Senior Brain Hanley who signed the petition. "They're in an official position and should realize this."

"I don't like what the trustees did," said petition signer Mark O'Neil. "They represent us." Albena Tognarelli said she signed the petition because she would like to know more about what is

going on at the college. "We don't know what is going on," she said, "We have to learn about it in the news."

Another freshman, Kevin O'Brien said what is going on at the college is wrong. "If it goes on anymore," he said, "I'm going to transfer. My degree won't be worth anything."

Jeanne Lahaie said she signed the petition because feels students should take a part in resolving the problems at the college. "When we go to graduate, People are going to think that no students will speak," She said.

Students refusing to sign the petition would not comment on their actions.

The petition rally was publicized by a letter sent to students from Lagimonier, Goodwin, and Lincoln.

"The petition supports the no confidence the by the WSC faculty upon trustees Berry, Hapcook, Chmura, and also supports the call for an investigation of the WSC scandal by the inspector general," said the letter.

The students were joined in protest by the approximately 10

faculty members and alumni, who held signs in front of Parenzo and sat in silent protest at the trustee meeting.

Kenneth Magarian, assistant director of athletics at Westfield State and one of the protestors said the group is still calling for the resignation of trustees Jane Berry, Sophie Chmura, and former trustee chair Charles Hapcook.

"It's Black and white what we are here for," said Magarian, "They (trustees) can't be trusted."

Mastafa Noury, a college professor and protestor, said the actions of the trustees hurts everyone at the college, especially students.

"This is a matter that hurts the students," he said. "It concerns the faculty secondarily and the students primarily."

Noury said the students have the power to challenge the leadership of the college.

Timothy Bergendahl, WSC professor, said students aren't aware of what is going on at the college. "This is so big and complicated that people don't understand it," he said.

WSC finally purchases Stanhome

This article was published in the February 8, 1999 issue of The Campus Voice.

Kelley McVeigh
Marybeth Parenteau
Staff Reporters

On March 2, the Stanhome building will officially become part of Westfield State College.

Over two years ago, the Division of Capital Assessment Management thought WSC needed an expansion. At the same time, Stanhome was bought out by Enesco, making the building and property available for purchase.

The bidding process, taking place

in December 1997, was determined by the state. It was there where the Division of Capital Assessment Management said WSC needed more space.

"We were told to 'play by all state rules' and we've done it," said Dr. James Stakenas, executive assistant to the president.

The actual negotiation happened in Boston in January 1998.

Though the closing date is set at March 2, the college can't begin using the building until wiring and networking is completed for the use of phones and computers.

The building will also have to be handicap accessible, with bathrooms and elevators. These changes will take place this summer.

Stakenas feels that this is a "very positive step for the campus. It is a

building we could never afford to build."

The purchase of Stanhome not only provided another building for the Westfield State campus, but 30 acres of land as well.

Due to the fact that Stanhome was a Fortune 500 company and fully equipped for office space, most of the building will be used for the college's offices.

The Business Office, Continuing Education, Alumni Office, Office of Human Resources and Development, and the Office of the President are among the offices set to be located in the new building.

There is also the possibility of having as many as 11 classrooms made in the new building.

Stakenas and President Freder-

ick Woodward hope that by the fall of 2000, there will be a one-step system available to students. Instead of students having to go to many different offices to get things accomplished, students may only have to go to one office and speak to one counselor about many issues.

There is also student involvement in the recent purchase. Orlando LaSalle, a junior at WSC, is a student trustee involved in the purchase of Stanhome.

Overall, Stakenas said this purchase is a positive step for the college.

With the addition of new offices, all in one building, extra academic spacing, and the expected renovation of Parenzo, WSC take on a brand new look.

Arts & Entertainment

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Top 10 Singles

1. Lorde - Royals
2. Katy Perry - Roar
3. Miley Cyrus - Wrecking Ball
4. Avicii - Wake Me Up
5. Drake - Hold On, We're Going Home
6. Ylvis - The Fox
7. Eminem - Rap God
8. Jay-Z - Holy Grail
9. Lady Gaga - Applause
10. Robin Thicke - Blurred Lines

Top 5 Albums

1. Lightning Bolt - Pearl Jam
2. Bangerz - Miley Cyrus
3. New - Paul McCartney
4. Nothing was The Same - Drake
5. Magpie And The Dandelion - The Avett Brothers

Top 5 Movies

1. Bad Grandpa
2. Gravity
3. Captain Phillips
4. The Counselor
5. Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2

Upcoming DVDs

1. Grown Ups 2
2. White House Down
3. Lovelance
4. Broken
5. Man of Steel

"I Love You...You're Perfect...Now Change" is next MTG performance



MTG's performance of "I Love You" is set for spring 2014 and will be directed by newly appointed directors Wilson Belbin and Ryan Pound.

Tessa Newell
Voice Reporter

Westfield State University's Musical Theater Guild, or MTG, enjoyed enormous success from their production of RENT that went up a few weekends ago. Now that the set has been struck and cast has said goodbye to a show they performed with great passion and pride, MTG looks forward to its future.

On Sunday, Octo-

ber 27th, the Executive board for MTG chose the new directors that will direct the spring 2014 show for MTG, Wilson Belbin and Ryan Pound.

Both Belbin and Pound have spent several years in MTG, are both on the Executive board themselves, and are dedicated members of the club.

The show Belbin and Pound will be directing for MTG is

the Off-Broadway musical, "I Love You...You're Perfect...Now Change."

"I Love You..." is a show comprised of several vignettes that each describe different relationships at different points in the characters' lives. From elderly couples to newlyweds to teenagers dating, this show covers the wide variety of dating experiences and presents them in a hilarious form of short stories.

The show is unlike anything MTG has tried to put on before, which both Belbin and Pound recognize.

"I am very excited to direct and can't wait to bring something very different and unique to the club," Belbin said.

The show will be performed in Juniper Elementary School, where MTG has traditionally had their spring shows for the past three years, in late February.

Auditions for "I Love You...You're Per-

fect...Now Change" will be from December 4th to the 6th.

Besides the upcoming show, MTG is also trying to get together workshops for its club members that will cover technical and movement aspects of theater.

There are also talks of fundraisers for the club coming up in the near future, including the second annual Holiday Hootenanny, a cabaret of holiday songs put on by club members that raises donations for the Westfield Food Bank.

Despite being in-between shows, MTG is very proud of the work they have done so far this fall semester and will continue to try and be a presence on campus throughout the rest of the year.

The community is looking forward to their performance of "I Love You...You're Perfect...Now Change" in spring 2014 after their exceptional "RENT" performance.

Lyndon's Reviews: Angels of Vice's "All Good Things" recommended to all metal fans

Lyndon Seitz
A&E Editor

Ane Brum: It All Starts With One – Another folk sounding female vocalist with a high pitch that would impress me if I haven't heard the same thing a lot before.

Joni Mitchell comes to mind the most here, and is a much better listen than this. It isn't bad per se, but a lot of the songs are difficult to tell apart, and they don't have anything special or outstanding to offer the listener, either in the lyrics or to the music.

The last track, "Untertow," is the most poignant of the songs, so I

would steer potential listeners towards that first, if anything at all.

Angels of Vice: All Good Things – This is some of the best hard rock/metal I've listened to in a while. There is a coherent structure to these songs, a high level of skill in all areas, and screaming is actually used effectively when it is used.

It is a blast to listen to this album, and the guitar solos fit perfectly within the songs, almost all of which have an inherent kinetic energy within them. I would absolutely recommend this to any metal fans. To anyone else, I would recommend it with a little

discretion.

Anita Maj: The Masquerade – This is female vocal rock that really underwhelmed me when I heard it. The music wasn't particularly impressive to me; it has all the stuff one would expect and nothing outstanding.

The lyrics were stereotypical and fell especially flat when the vocals came out to express them. Luckily for me it was only four tracks so I didn't have to endure it for too long. I really don't have much of a reason to recommend it; there is so much better stuff out there.

Ashpark: Life In Satellites – This is a

slightly atmospheric and piano driven rock album. Upon listening, it is somewhat easy to compare them to Coldplay, although this band has a more driving rhythm behind it.

There is a strong sense of rhythm here, as a matter of fact, more than I would originally expect. As far as each of the tracks are concerned, it is hard to differentiate between them. The album works much better as a whole, and there was clearly some sort of plan in place when they were making it.

It's not the best album ever made, of course, but it is a very good listen and generally worth it.

Ashley Faith: Wonder Wonder – The most immediate comparisons that could be made are with Feist or Ingrid Michælson, and they are worthy comparisons. Some light acoustic or very light rock music accompanies rises and falls in the vocals perfectly, and this is probably the strongest driving force of the album.

It is like she knows exactly what to do with her voice next to satisfy the ear. It is filled with songs that are almost all very good (the last track, "My Fault," falls somewhat flat for me). Nonetheless, this is an album that is very nice and worth a listen.

Woman Songwriter Collective gives female solo artists the courage to release and perform their music

Shaina Duchesne
Voice Contributor

A group of five inspiring women have come together to further their careers in the music world. These women are individual singer/songwriters that have bonded together through music to create a powerful mix of musical talent.

These are the women of the Woman Songwriter Collective in Western Massachusetts.

The Woman Songwriter Collective is a sisterhood according to solo artist Carolyn Walker. She says, "It's such a rewarding experience; the group is really supportive. It's a sisterhood in itself."

Lisa Marie Ellingsen, according to the other girls, is "kick ass on the guitar," which seems to agree with Carolyn when she says, "It has been so amazing to build these friendships in less than twelve months.

I think it has been able to happen because we are all there to mutually support one another. We each have tremendous respect for each other and our individual talents. I am strengthened by these women and feel more confident in putting my music out there. I feel far less alone out there in the 'music scene.'"

Lexi Weege, who has just released her first album, Virgin, at 20 years of age, says, "The group has given me allies, a support system, and musical friendships in a safe environment."

A Woman Songwriter Collective is different from a band. These are five individual singer/songwriters; "solo artists" if you will. Carolyn and Lexi explained that each performer picks a few of their own songs to play.

The ladies then come together at rehearsals and learn each other's songs.

They each add to the song by harmonizing vocally and adding each of their own unique instruments to the individual songs.

They all get to play a few of their own songs, and the rest just partake in adding dimensions to one another's music.

At shows they all gather together on stage, and with the set list created by Lisa Marie play what they have rehearsed.

Woman song writing collectives have become a reality for women in the music industry due to the difficulty of booking solo shows for women.

All three of the ladies interviewed explained the difficulty of booking shows for women solo artists. They clarified that as a group playing their individual songs together gets them more shows.

When it comes down to



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business it was explained that each group member has a role.

Carolyn shared; she has a lot to do with venue promotion and YouTube videos. Lexi worked to get the group a photographer.

Lexi also is the onsite speaker of the group and the in person promoter. Christa Joy is their treasurer and online promoter. She keeps up with their Facebook,

ReverbNation, and mailing list.

Lisa Marie puts together their set lists and she says, "Making up the set list for a gig is a fun and challenging task. I try to think about factors such as the instrument played when choosing the order of performers. I also consider the tempo/feel of the songs when writing

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Knowing to Cook: Halloween Cuisine

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

For many people I know, Halloween is their favorite holiday because they get to dress up and scavenge for candy.

Personally, my favorite holiday is coming up in about a month, but since I am writing this before Halloween has come to pass, I've decided to keep with the spirit. There is not much I can say about Halloween on a food basis. I could give a list of my favorite candies, but this column is called Knowing to Cook.

So, rather than continuing on with an in-depth discussion on Halloween candy, I'll talk about fun ways to create terrifyingly tasty All Hallow's Eve treats!

Now, these treats are recommended to be for your personal consumption, because let's face it,

Trick 'r Treating children are not interested in anything but massive amounts of store bought candy.

An idea that has frequently made its presence known in my brain is this: why is there no Halloween dinner? We have Thanksgiving dinner, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day dinners, and Easter dinner, but no Halloween dinner.

Perhaps it is just not in the spirit of the holiday or maybe we are too busy entertaining the neighborhood children that we have no time to think of preparing a meal. Not to mention, we do not always get the day off for Halloween.

Though it is a fun idea to think about, because Halloween dinner can be a creative has the holiday. You could have a feast of home-made sweets arranged in a horror like fashion, or you could have an entire meal based around pumpkins. It is up to you.

My advice though, is just to have fun with it. Create new and interesting treats for your family; make candied or caramel apples; bake a pie; even if Halloween ain't yer cup o' tea (as the Irish might say) then just curl up on the couch with a hot drink and watch a scary movie.

Halloween is a creative and wonderful holiday. It never ceases to amaze me how much time and effort some folks put into their costumes and decorations.

I wasn't sure what kind of recipe I'd give you this week. I have been so busy with academic and theatrical obligations that testing out a recipe for you all just slipped my mind. So, since I couldn't think of a recipe this week, I've decided to be aided by the master herself: Julia Child. And since as of yet I have not provided you with a dessert recipe, here is Julia's recipe for Perfect Pie Crust.



Perfect Pie Crust

Ingredients:

1 1/3 cup flour
1/4 stick of butter
2 Tbs shortening
1 tsp
1/3 cup of water

Instructions:

1. Pulse all ingredients in a food processor just until it crumbles.
2. Pulse again until ball forms.
3. Makes single or double crusts.

4. Roll out into desired size.

5. Place crust in pie mold with your favorite pie filling.

6. For Halloween I recommend Pumpkin Pie or Apple Pie.

Ryan Cashman is a sophomore communications and theatre arts double major and the food columnist for The Westfield Voice.

A Step Toward Change

Talia Clark
Voice Columnist

So Seductive Step Team at the Westfield State University is experiencing a lot of changes to the team this year. There are new e-board members, advisors, and team members chosen to make up the step team for a brand new year as a club on campus.

Stepping is a form of dance where the whole body is used as an instrument to create sound with clapping and stomping. Step can incorporate spoken word and is usually preformed in groups.

Founded in 2005 by Thara Paul, a former graduate of Westfield State Uni-

versity, the club originally consisted of five Westfield State students. The year after, more people were able to join the club through try-outs held by a brand new team. This fall semester 2013, the club is now made up of twenty-five Westfield State Students.

Jeffery Darko, a senior at Westfield State University, was recently elected into office by the step team members. This is Darko's third year as a member of the step team and his second year as the secretary. Darko said, "Being secretary last year was fun, it helped me create a work ethic. It was a great experience last year, that's why I decided to do it again this

year."

Darko said that the team has, "evolved into something great and diverse." Darko also said that over the years based on people's creativity, original steps are improved and new steps have been created for the step team to perform. Having a good number of teammates with good attitudes can create a lot of positive outcomes.

Nashalie Vasquez, the Residential Director of Courtney Hall at Westfield State University, is one of the advisors for the step team. Advisors are the back-bone of the team because they handle the logistics, counseling, setting up events, and methods of

transportation for competitions and performances.

This is Vasquez's first year advising the step team, but it is not her first experience with step. Vasquez is a graduated Greek from Cornell University in Ithaca New York. Vasquez's Greek sorority participated in saluting, strolling, and stepping competitions in college.

Vasquez's experience with competitions will benefit the step team this year. Last year the step team held a number of performances, but this year they are going to be able to go to competitions and compete against other step teams in the area. Vasquez's knowledge of competitions can

help the step team prepare and win.

Jamaica Gilmore, a freshman at Westfield State University, was very excited to hear the step team would be going to competitions this year. Gilmore is brand new member of the step team along with being a member of the cheer squad and Multicultural Society on campus. Gilmore is involved in many activities on campus but still finds the time to be a committed stepper.

The step team has changed in size, people, advisors and e-board over the years. The only thing that will never change is the love of step from all the members on the team.

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THE WESTFIELD VOICE

Owls Sports

Owls Football falls to MASCAC Rival Bridgewater State wins in dramatic fashion with late 4th quarter touchdown

Matt Stover
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State football team was unable to hold off the final push by Bridgewater State, allowing the game-winning touchdown with 1:16 left in the fourth quarter, to lose 26-20.

The Owl's fall to 4-3 on the season, and 3-2 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC).

Westfield's offense took advantage early off a botched snap on a punt, as sophomore running back, Colby Bostek ran it in from a yard out for the score to give Westfield the 10-0 lead with 1:36 left in the first quarter.

The Westfield defense continued to swallow up opponents. They only allowed the Bears of Bridgewater 34 yards of total offense in the first half of the game.

Bridgewater was able to punch it in from a yard out after a 15 play, 49-yard drive, to make it a 10-7 game.

Freshmen Michael Orelana hit his second field goal of the game, this one with eight seconds left in the half to take a 13-7 Owls lead into halftime.

However, the Bridgewater

offense found its stride scoring 13 unanswered points behind two passing touchdowns by their quarterback, Mike McCarthy, to take a 20-13 lead into the fourth quarter.

Westfield capped off an impressive seven play, 49-yard drive as Bostek found the end zone again from 18 yards out, to tie the game at 20 with 13:06.

Bridgewater's Mike McCarthy was able to beat the Owl's defense again as he connected with Matthew Green from 18 yards out to give the Bears the lead, and the game winning touchdown.

Head coach Steve Marino and the Owls have lost three games this season by only nine combined points, one coming in overtime.

With only three games left on the schedule, all in MASCAC play, the Owls will host Fitchburg State on Senior Day, Saturday, Nov. 2 at 12:00 p.m.

On Senior Day last year, the Owls beat Fitchburg State, 14-9 with a stout performance from the defense holding the Falcons to 1 of 12 on third-down conversions which proved to be the difference. They hope to have a similar outcome this year at 12:00 p.m. on November 2.



PHOTO BY MICKEY CURTIS

Senior Defensive Back intercepts a pass in the endzone in the fourth quarter. It was his fifth of the season and his second in 2 games

Men's Soccer loses to RIC, Worcester State



Freshman Zack Carlson challenges RIC's Devin Lambert for the ball. WSU lost the game 2-1.

Andrew Burke Layout Editor

The Westfield State men's soccer team played two games this past week and lost both, bringing them to a 4-11 total record on the season.

Despite winning the shots on goal and total shots battle, the Owls were not victorious against Rhode Island College on Tuesday, Oct. 22.

The game was played at Alumni Field and was a close battle until the clock showed zeros. Junior forward Emmanuel Asiedu, who netted the team's two goals in the game, led RIC in the victory. He scored his first goal in the 51st minute and his second in the 61st.

Westfield was able to trim the lead to one goal in the 72nd minute on a corner kick. Senior Kristian Driscoll was able to finish the play, scoring for the first time since Sept. 1 against Emmanuel College when he scored the game-winning goal.

Fellow senior Ryan

Nickerson, who leads the team in minutes played, was credited with the assist, along with senior Dan Brady.

Although the game was out of conference, it was a good opportunity for the Owls to gain some momentum heading into the end of the season and toward postseason play.

The Owls are now 2-3 in their five games at home and 2-8 on the road this season.

Westfield's second game last week was against Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) leader Worcester State.

The conference game was played on Oct. 25 at Coughlin Field in Worcester. Worcester State came out victorious with a score of 4-1 and claimed the MASCAC regular season title with a conference record of 5-0-1. Senior Brendan Whitson scored a hat trick in the game and now has 10 goals on the season. He was named MASCAC player of the week for his

performance.

Dan Brady was able to end the shutout by scoring in the 86th minute, cutting the lead to 3-1. However, a few seconds later, the Lancers fourth goal was scored by senior Alex Wolfel and assisted by Alex Goncalves.

Worcester State now has a bye in the first round of the MASCAC tournament and is the favorite to win on paper. Westfield will play their remaining games trying to improve their seeding for the conference tournament.

The Owls have two remaining games against Western Connecticut and Framingham State and hope to finish their season on a positive note with two wins.

Their final game against Framingham State is a MASCAC game and will bring Westfield to 3-4 in the conference with a win.

The MASCAC quarterfinals begin on Nov. 5 and the tournament runs to Nov. 10th. After conference tournament play, the NCAA tournament begins.

Field Hockey falls Salem State 2-0

Ryan Sances Voice Reporter

Despite controlling possession throughout much of the game, Westfield State women's field hockey dropped a tough one, falling 2-0 to Little East Conference opponent Salem State.

The Owls outshot Salem 14-12 in the contest and held a 12-8 corner advantage but were unable to score in the frustrating defeat.

Westfield pushed the action throughout the first half outshooting Salem 7-2 in the half but couldn't find the back of the net as the

score remained deadlocked at 0-0 at the half.

The Owls appeared to have finally gotten on the board in the second half but the goal was waived off. Salem State took the lead late in the second half when Salem State's Micaela Keogh scored on a fast break to end the scoreless tie.

Salem State struck again minutes later when leading scorer Lauren Pazdziorny beat Westfield goaltender Megan Fountaine to put the game away.

The hard fought loss drops the Owls to 6-9 overall on the season and 3-7 in Little East Conference

play.

The Owls final regular season game will bring Western Connecticut to Alumni Field, Friday, Nov. 1 at 7:00 p.m. This senior night will be the last home game for five Owl seniors in Courtney Araujo, Sarah Pliszka, Lauren Drew, Danielle Grenon, and Jess Rodier.

The Little East Conference tournament begins Tuesday, Nov. 5 featuring a three round tournament for the championship. Westfield fell short in the quarterfinals a year ago falling to Plymouth State, 5-1. They hope to make it farther this season.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Friday, October 25th
W VBall at Mt. Holyoke College W 3-1
M Soccer at Worcester State L 1-4
Saturday, October 26th
W VBall at Smith College L 0-3
Field Hockey at Salem State L 0-2
W Soccer vs Worcester State W 2-1
W Swimming at Simmons College L 127.5-160.5

Tuesday, October 29th
M Soccer at Western Connecticut W 3-0
Field Hockey at Mount Holyoke College L 1-4

Wednesday, October 30th
W Soccer vs. Keene State L 1-2

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Friday, November 1st
M Ice Hockey vs. WNEC 3:30 p.m.
Field Hockey vs. WCSU 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 2nd
W Swimming vs Smith 10:00 a.m.
W XC at MASCAC and New England Alliance Championships 11:00 a.m.
W VBall at Framingham State 11:00 a.m.
Football vs. Fitchburg State 12:00 p.m.
M XC at MASCAC and New England Alliance Championships 12:00 p.m.
W Soccer at Framingham State 2:00 p.m.
M Soccer vs. Framingham State 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 5th
M Soccer at MASCAC quarterfinals (TBD)
M Ice Hockey vs Assumption College 7:35 p.m.
W Soccer MASCAC quarterfinals (TBD)
Field Hockey at LEC quarterfinals (TBD)
Wednesday, November 6th
W Volleyball at MASCAC quarterfinals (TBD)

Overthinking It: Nick Saban has proven at Alabama that he deserves to be on the Mt. Rushmore of college coaches



Nick Saban is on the verge of winning his third National Title in a row and fourth in five years. He has been able to create a dynasty at Alabama, representing consistency and domination. As arguably the best coach in America, he is never satisfied and continually trying to find ways to win.

Joey Cooper Sports Editor

What has, and is happening in Tuscaloosa, Alabama will be remembered for years to come thanks in large part to the culture head coach Nick Saban has built.

The Crimson Tide has run through the toughest conference in all of college football, the Southeastern Conference (SEC), winning three out of the past four national titles.

The foundation of any program starts with strong recruiting. In Alabama, Auburn competes with the Tide for the rights to players across the talented football state. Each year, Saban finds his club ranked top five in recruiting.

Their 2014 class features 21 hard, and soft verbal commits including two five star, and 14 four stars recruits. Four star recruits being known as

elite, and five stars exceeding that standard, according to scouts.com.

After taking over the Alabama program in 2007, Saban has brought the program back to where it stood in the 60s and 70s, when Paul "Bear" Bryant changed the landscape of the program with six national championships.

Saban currently holds a record of 76-13 with the Tide winning 13 games against opponents ranked inside the top 10.

With the landscape of college football changing to the model of the "spread offense," stretching the field using read-option, Saban hasn't changed his brand of coaching to keep pace.

The pro style offense in Tuscaloosa remains a staple of the team's offensive production, consistently featuring two or more backs with an array of receiving options for the tenured quarterback to choose from. These offensive pieces jobs

are led by a proficient offensive line each year.

An ongoing trend with Saban's coaching is sticking with a mechanically sound quarterback for a number of years. This type of consistency allows his team's to bestow some sense of reliability and familiarity at the position that can win for a number of years.

Branching off that idea, perhaps the most impressive characteristic of Saban's approach is his ability to build a roster to win in consecutive seasons. The next man up approach following graduating and early dropouts to the professional level doesn't impede Alabama from being successful.

This football school works as a tightly lipped community, never looking to draw too much attention, and to this point without any major NCAA infractions to slow them down.

There are 98 people working for the football

team through playing coaches, strength coaches, physical trainers, tutors, and equipment managers among others.

From the structural makeup of Bryant-Denney Stadium, on down to the coaching and facilities, this program exudes a sense of a higher standard, unmatched on any level of athletics.

The following figures come from the 2011-2012 season, a national championship season where the Alabama football team spent \$36,918,963 in expenses, and earned \$81,993,762 in total revenue.

These totals led all of college athletics in both categories separating themselves by a large margin. In second was Ohio State football with \$51,112,270 in the same time table, according to the Department of Education.

With an additional \$30 million then the second leading athletic program

in revenue, this type of money allows the University of Alabama to create and improve their athletic facilities. This money also goes to paying for a better staff, along with creating a bigger market that only leads to larger television deals broadening their exposure, all in which encourage recruiting.

Two games remain on Alabama's regular season against opponents ranked inside the top 15, in Louisiana State University (13) and Auburn (11). As the spreads will indicate in favoring the Tide, Alabama is projected by Las Vegas odds to win yet another national championship.

Regardless of what the future holds the rest of his career in Alabama or somewhere else, Nick Saban has etched his name in stone among the best coaches in college football history. Saban may make the leap to the NFL, but he is secure at Alabama.

Coach Marino retires after 24 years



PHOTO BY MICKEY CURTIS FOR THE WESTFIELD VOICE

Westfield State football coach Steve Marino has announced his retirement at the end of this season. He has seen much success in his time here and is hoping to finish his career on a strong note.

Mickey Curtis

WSU Athletics Dept.

Westfield State (Mass.) University long-time football head coach Steve Marino has announced his retirement, effective the end of the 2013 season.

Marino, completing his 24th year at Westfield State, will be coaching his final home game this Saturday, Nov. 2, when the Owls host Fitchburg State.

Westfield concludes the 2013 season with road games at Worcester State (Nov. 9) and Western Connecticut State (Nov. 16).

"Steve Marino has been synonymous with Westfield State football for 24 years. I want to thank him for all the time and dedication he has given to our student-athletes and the program," said Westfield State athletics director Richard Lenfest. "Steve is a class act who put in an enormous amount of time and effort to make Westfield State football a successful program, and you don't see a lot

of coaches stay at one institution for 24 years. He has set the standards for our program, led the team to an unbeaten season and an NCAA bid, and has recruited and coached players who have written and re-written our record books. It's been a real pleasure to work with Steve for the nine years I have been at Westfield State."

"I want to wish Steve, his wife, Betsy, and his family the best going forward. His entire family has been dedicated to our program through the years and I know that he, and they, will both enjoy the new-found time that they will be able to spend together during the football season." Lenfest continued.

"I can't believe it's been 24 years, the time flew by," said Marino. "It was a hard decision and I am going to miss coaching, especially on Saturdays, but it's the right time for me to do it. I am looking forward to spending more time with my family and

grandkids."

Marino, 64, has the third longest tenure among active coaches in New England Division III football, trailing only Springfield College's Mike DeLong (31 years) and Worcester State's Brian Cullen (28 years). The Owl mentor has been roaming the sidelines for 24 of the 32 years that Westfield State has fielded a varsity football team. He has coached 232 games with a record of 118-113-1, highlighted by three consecutive New England Football Conference championship game appearances in 2001, 2002, and 2003.

"Coach Marino put competitive teams on the field each year," said Lenfest. "Westfield State and New England football are going to miss him."

Marino guided the 2001 Westfield squad to its first and only perfect regular season, a 10-0 record. The Owls won the New England Football Conference championship and qualified for the NCAA Tournament.

During the 2001 season, Marino was selected the American Football Coaches Association Northeast Region Coach of the Year, the New England Division II/III Coach of the Year, and the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston Division II/III Coach of the Year.

Marino was named the Westfield State head coach in the spring of 1990. "I have a lot of fond memories of my time spent at Westfield State," he said the day he was hired to coach his alma mater. "The college gave me a lot and I feel I owe it something in return."

Marino received his B.A. degree in 1971 and his master's degree in 1978 from Westfield State. He taught English

at Ludlow High School for 29 years, then moved into an administrative post as dean of students for five years before retiring in June of 2006.

Marino's coaching career spans a total of 41 years. The 1967 graduate of Springfield Classical High School coached football at Ludlow High School for 16 years, including an eight-year stint as the head coach from 1979-86.

He served as defensive coordinator at Western New England University in 1987 before returning to Ludlow as an assistant in 1988.

"I loved coaching at Westfield State," said Marino "I am going to miss the kids and I am going to miss the coaches."

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Readings of new works by current WSU students. Poetry, short fiction, and creative nonfiction. Refreshments will be served.

WSU Public Safety Crime Log: Oct. 9 to 27

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Sept. 12 - Oct. 11 07a - 07p	Courtney Hall	Drug Law Violation	Open (reported Oct. 25)
Sept. 25 12:01 a.m.	University Hall	Rape	Open (reported Oct. 18)
Oct. 9 01:41 p.m.	Dining Commons	Outstanding Warrant	Arrest
Oct. 9 08:51 p.m.	Davis Hall	Drug Law Violation	Citation
Oct. 9 08:51 p.m.	Davis Hall	Drug Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 10 04:13 p.m.	University Hall	Assault	Referred to S.C./Trespassed
Oct. 11 01:00 - 11:11 a.m.	Ely Road	Larceny	Open
Oct. 15 10:33 a.m.	South Lot	Unlicensed Operator	Summons
Oct. 17 12:01 - 05:45 a.m.	Lansdowne Place	Larceny	Open
Oct. 18 01:11 a.m.	Scanlon Hall	Drug Law Violation	Citation
Oct. 18 01:52 a.m.	Dickinson Hall	Malicious Destruction	Open
Oct. 18 02:21 a.m.	Scanlon Hall	Drug Law Violation	Summons
Oct. 18 03:49 a.m.	Courtney Hall	Disturbing the Peace	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 18 08:29 p.m.	Courtney Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 18 11:11 p.m.	Scanlon Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 19 12:11 - 01:10 a.m.	Scanlon Hall	Assault & Battery	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 19 12:20 a.m.	Lammers Hall	Malicious Destruction	Summons
Oct. 19 01:29 a.m.	Dickinson Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 19 04:42 a.m.	Dickinson Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 19 06:27 p.m.	Dickinson Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 19 08:01 p.m.	Scanlon Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 19 11:55 p.m.	University Hall	Indecent Exposure	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 23 11:22am - 12:30pm	Commuter Lot	Malicious Destruction	Open
Oct. 25 04:29 p.m.	Lammers Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 26 12:54 a.m.	Parenzo Road	Liquor Law Violation	Trespass Notice
Oct. 26 01:31 a.m.	University Hall	Drug Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 26 02:52 a.m.	South Lot	Operating Under Influence	Arrest
Oct. 26 05:12 p.m.	Davis Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Trespass Notice
Oct. 26 07:55 p.m.	Lammers Lot	Drug Law Violation	Citation Issued
Oct. 26 11:31 p.m.	Scanlon Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 26 11:31 p.m.	Scanlon Hall	Drug Law Violation	Trespass Notice
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class president of 2014, Richard Darrach, class president of 2015, Ryan Losco, class president of 2016, and Jenna Henderson, class president of 2017.

After Fote's report, Stone Koury, student trustee, gave his brief report saying that a subcommittee hearing was held regarding student loans and debts.

The committee travels across the commonwealth to hear stories of students and to help change the policies of students bogged down with heavy debts. The committee is meeting at Berkshire Community College Nov. 18 at 11 a.m.

Steven Kligerman, vice president of programming, gave his report by saying the Fright Fest trip to Six Flags was a big success and gave recognition to Senator Shannon Cullinane who came up with the idea and worked hard to make it a success.

Next he said the movies for November on channels 80 and 81 will be; *The Hangover Part 3*, *Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain*, *Pacific Rim*, *The Purge*, *Stuck in Love*, *This is the End*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, and *21*.

1,243 students took the spring weekend survey last week. Kligerman listed the percentages for the types of genera's that were on the survey. 41.5% voted for country, 36.5% hip-hop, 15% rock, and 7% for other. 86% of students also voted for a night concert.

The very productive and illuminative meet-

ing closed about an hour after it started and the SGA carry on to next Tuesday, unless they all have candy hangovers from Halloween.

Those who missed opening roll call were; Joshua Clark, Brittany Moniz, Emily Baker, Tori Landry, Justin Dooley, Tara Saraf, Amy MacDonald, Kathryn Brank, Yaira Castellon-Torres, and Evelyn Dina.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be on Nov. 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

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communication was more interesting, and that would help me understand how the society works, and how people are a vibrant part of that society. When I was a guidance counselor in Washington DC, I paid very close attention to intercultural dynamics and communication practices that many Japanese students were engaged in and also their colleagues or classmates and their roommates, their administrators and teachers."

Q: "What's the most interesting part about teaching?"

A: "The most interesting part is perhaps finding out when I realize that I have on my own, if I realize I have broken through my own assumptions that I had taken for granted, whatever the topics, and when I realize 'Oh,' I had been sort of locked in, this is my particular way of thinking, and when I realize 'Oh,' I might have come out of that, then that be-

comes very fascinating to me and for that reason. "I enjoy interacting and learning from the students."

Q: "What do you emphasize most when teaching?"

A: "The one thing I try to do is to do my best; one moment at a time, one person at a time, one class at a time, one subject at a time, sometimes I may be tired, sometimes I may not be feeling well," said Saito. "But the strongest emphasis I would put on myself is to do the best I can for that moment and keep at it, that's my motto. In terms of putting the slides together that I often use in class, I do that usually the previous night or two days prior to each class, but I'm almost 24 hours, seven days, I'm always thinking about the subjects that we talk about in class, like while I'm driving, I may listen to the radio or look at the bumper stickers in the cars ahead of me or billboards or newspapers I run into or TV screens, and I find myself constantly thinking about the subject."

Q: "What was the hardest part about becoming a professor?"

A: "Almost every step like getting a doctorate, getting my master's degree, and finishing up my theses, finishing up my dissertation, writing my papers, doing presentations at conferences, and even of course, doing class every time I come here, all the different steps and different stages in my life, and they were very, very hard at that time before I accomplished them or before I achieved them, but I just

kept at them, and I kept working at them, so I would say that the hardest part is just do it, but I enjoy the challenges and I keep doing it, and that's something I try to be mindful that I just keep at it."

Q: "What do you find most interesting about your career?"

A: "My interest is to learn about how people learn and the different ways, and I'm very, very interested in expanding my horizon and opening up to different styles and different ways that are effective for different people."

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out the set list itself. It is a trial and error process in terms of finding the right "flow" of music. We also try to alternate songs that are performed by the whole group and songs that are performed solo."

Saera Kochanski aka Wishbone Zoë has the job of booking all of their shows. While they have residency at Easthampton's Luthiers Co-Op every third Thursday of the month, Wishbone Zoë has the on going task of booking all their upcoming shows.

Each one of the five talents has their very own unique sound and style.

Lexi described Carolyn Walker as having a classical voice with some eastern influences. She is commonly seen playing a variety of instruments such as the Tibetan singing bowl, acoustic guitar, a Ruan (a Chinese guitar), and her expertise the violin.

Lisa Marie describes

herself when she says, "The music I play is centered in roots and I incorporate Americana, blues, and folk into the songs I write, as well as pop/rock influences."

Lexi describes her own music as having a jazzy/blues sound. She says Wishbone Zoë plays the banjo and has a Louisiana folk sound with some alternative influences. The last of the five ladies is the equally talented Christa Joy who has a heavy country style to her music.

Carolyn says, "It's really cool how we are all individually different, but we compliment one another so nicely." Lexi says, "I have been exposed to so many different genres because of the diversity of music within the group."

The Woman Songwriter Collective helps push young talented women into their musical careers. It has shown to be difficult to do alone, but together they can ascend mountains.

United together in their sisterhood they support, challenge, and collectively work on their solo careers.

Lisa Marie was smart to say, "You can get more done together than you can get done alone! Collaboration trumps competition."

Interested in seeing or hearing these ladies?

The ladies of The Woman Songwriter Collective have an upcoming show on Nov. 29 at Moca Maya's in Shelburne Falls, Mass. at the Moonlight Magic Festival. Also, visit their website at womansongwritercollective.com or find them on Facebook.

Horoscopes

Games & Leisure

Maze

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

There is no chance for something new to come along and sweep you off of your feet, and instead this week you will experience more of the same. This isn't a bad thing. Try to understand the particulars of your routine, and you'll see it is not so boring.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

Go and meditate under a waterfall, it will lead you to a new level of personal enlightenment that will guide you through this upcoming week and beyond. Also, try not to get smacked in the head by migrating fish.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

It would be a safe assumption to make that something good will be happening to you this week, dear Gemini. You know the routine, come back next week and the stars will have more good news for you.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

So you might not be getting anything you wanted at all this week. That doesn't mean you won't be anything you didn't want this week, however. Try to look forward to that and whatever gifts the world may give you.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

You might not be a big Hollywood star yet, but that is no excuse to add more theatricality to your life. You can be a joy to others, making them laugh and cry with your every step.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

This is the time you will want to remove certain people from your life permanently. A letter will do well, just be concise and to the point so that there are no misunderstandings and there are no hurt feelings.

Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

Go through this coming week with style, as sometimes that really is what counts most. Pick out your best outfit and use that swagger you were born with to get the job done. Everyone will be looking your way.

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

Sweat from your own brow will get you through the week, which is likely to get work intensive and a little crazier than usual, even for you. You will want to stock up on caffeine, and lots of it.

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

Slow down and smell the flowers, if there are any within your immediate vicinity. If there are not any flowers within your immediate vicinity, you should grow some, regardless of what season it is these days.

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

Be professional in everything you do this week, in order to advance your career prospects. Those above you are watching closely and they may have their hopes set on you. When you brush your teeth, do it professionally.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

Pieces of you may feel like they are falling off, but sometimes it is a good thing to lighten the load on you back (assuming you still have one when the week is through, of course).

Pisces

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

Raisins will be your friend in the financial world this coming week if you have the money to invest. Explore the possibilities and remember to always double check all of your transactions.

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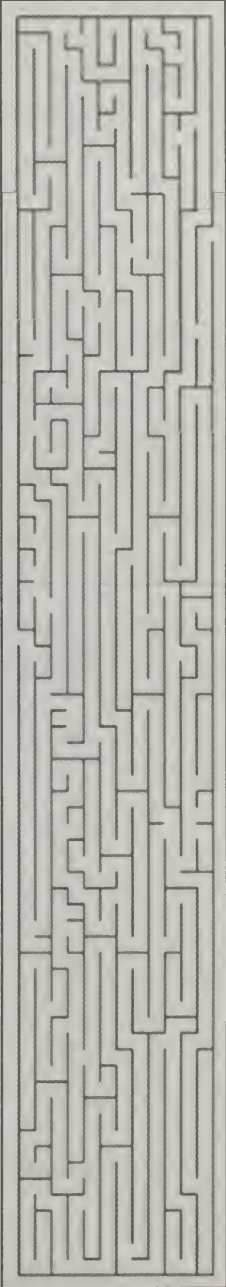
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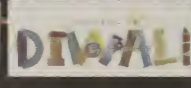
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Boston Red Sox's World Series victory ignites jubilant riot on campus green

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Asst. Managing Editor

The victory of the Boston Red Sox in game six of the World Series ignited a riot of happiness and relief.

After the Sox capped their third World Series appearance in nine years with a win, students began running to the area of the Globe to celebrate. This celebration included chanting, singing (especially Neil Diamond's 'Sweet Caroline'), and even a little crowd surfing.

Public Safety was on hand to prevent any over-the-top celebrating, but for the most part, the crowd was well behaved.

The only situations in which Public Safety officers had to intervene were the few times that beer bottles were tossed at the Globe or when the crowd started encircling the Globe. Beginning around 11:30 p.m., students began surrounding the Globe and cheering "Let's Go Sox" or singing 'Sweet Caroline.'

The crowd grew so large that there were even some reports that they could be heard cheering from the

lounge on the third floor of Ely through the windows. Sometime later, there were a couple of students who had somehow managed to enter the Globe in an attempt to tip it over. Public Safety officers stepped in at that point to get the students out of the Globe and put them into custody. The student is reportedly facing \$700 in fines due to his participation in the event.

The crowd stayed primarily civil throughout the ordeal, and remained on campus green until the early morning hours. The crowd was temporarily dispersed by police who were then forced to go back to the Globe as the crowd formed again.

Some of the chants that they called out had nothing to do with that night's game, such as "Yankess suck," "F**k the Police," or even "F**k Do-belle."

There were over a hundred students at the riot with many sitting on the outskirts taking it all in.

Joshua Minardi, a sophomore environmental science major, said, "It was completely ridiculous for people to go outside and try to destroy something that means a lot to the campus."

Minardi also said, "Even though the team won, there is no reason for that kind of behavior."

A student who spoke on condition of anonymity questioned the "stupid people who went into the Globe" asking, "why did they have to do that?"

Another anonymous student said that it was "kind of cool to see everyone together as a community as a big campus."

The Student Government Association made no mention to the riot during its meeting on Tuesday.

This riot was tame compared to the riot at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. There were more arrests at that riot than in the city of Boston that night.

Primarily in the South-west residential section of the campus, the riot ended after the Mounted State Police took action to disperse the crowd.



PHOTO BY JULIA SUHEENA

This was the scene at the Red Sox victory riot on the campus green last Wednesday. The student in globe is reportedly facing \$700 in fines.

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UNIV. OF MASS., AMHERST
Reproductive researchers are working with international scientists to study how sperm cells fertilize an egg. The research could lead to a better success rate for in vitro fertilization.

Springfield Student,
SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE
Springfield College held their tenth annual Haunted Hall, a haunted house-style event for students on Halloween. The event was open to students and members of the Springfield community for no cost.

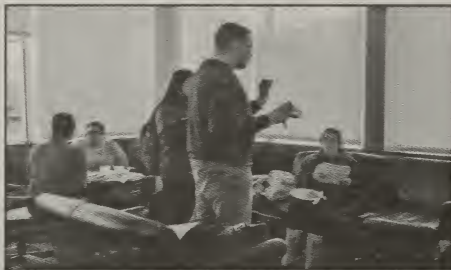
The Harvard Crimson
HARVARD UNIVERSITY
The Harvard Women's Soccer team won their fourth Ivy Title in six years. The team's record is 11-3-2, winning six games in the Ivy League. They won 2-0 against Dartmouth College.

The Daily Campus,
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
Another female student has reported that she was the victim of a sexual assault on the night of Nov. 1. This is the third report of sexual assault on the campus this year.

The Daily Orange,
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
Homophobia is common for student-athletes on SU sports teams according to the findings of the Committee on LGBT Concerns. Locker rooms were reportedly the most dangerous place for members of the LGBT community

The Scene at the Commuter Luncheon

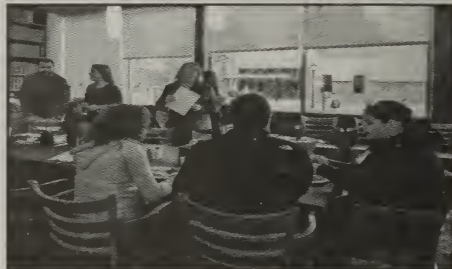
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Commuter Council president Luis Arzola, above, talks with fellow commuters at the Commuter Luncheon in the Tekoa Room on Wednesday.



The purpose of these lunches is to get commuters together at the time when they are on campus the most—lunch time. They have been a success thus far.



Corrections to last week's issue of The Westfield Voice

The 'letter to the editor' featured on page eight was written by Jeffrey LaValley of Friends of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail. It was left out due to an editorial oversight.

The headline for the lead article in the sports section should have read, "Owls Football falls to MASCAC rival; Bridgewater State wins in *dramatic* fashion with late 4th quarter touchdown."

The headline on the bottom article on page 18 should have read, "Field Hockey falls to Salem State, 2-0."

If there are any mistakes or typographical errors, please send them to Matthew Carlin, assistant managing editor, at mcarlin6141@westfield.ma.edu. They will be run next week.

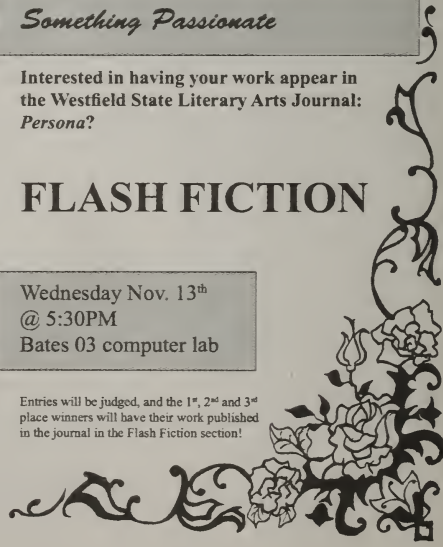
Something Passionate

Interested in having your work appear in the Westfield State Literary Arts Journal: *Persona*?

FLASH FICTION

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Entries will be judged, and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will have their work published in the journal in the Flash Fiction section!



SGA unanimously approves funding for EMS supplies

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

The Student Government Association met and had an overall well-rounded meeting on Nov. 5. First up to the podium, as always, was Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, who gave her report to her fellow senators.

The madam president began by accepting the resignation of Tori Landry as a representative at large. Tori was later moved to be a representative of the class of 2015 by Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2015, later in the meeting. After that, Fote announced that the SGA is now in the holiday season and the annual charity turkey drive was on the horizon for them. She stated the turkey drive is when the SGA goes around the academic and residential halls to collect money and buy turkeys for the Salvation Army.

Last year, the SGA raised \$1,585.16 and were able to purchase 96 turkeys to donate to the Salvation Army.

After Fote finished her brief report, Stone Koury, student trustee, gave his report by announcing on Nov. 21, the public higher education institutions of Massachusetts are organizing a State House Thank You Day.

State House Thank You Day usually takes place in the spring so students can talk to legislators who work at the state house in Boston in order to advocate the need for public education funding for in Massachusetts.

Koury stated, however, the board wants to have one in the fall to thank legislators for the funding of the "50/50" deal that gives the university more funding than previous years.

The next report came

from Joshua Clark from the All-University Committee, who reported that on Oct. 30 Laurie Simpson, AUC's liaison to the Commencement Committee, reported to the AUC about the commencement committee. Clark continued to say that Commencement 2014 has been scheduled for Saturday May 17, and further details are unknown.

He also talked about how the committee discussed future Commencements. Costs and logistics were the main topics. For instance, the cost for the tent that covers the greens would be around \$60,000 to \$70,000, while the cost for the MassMutual Center is around \$16,000. The \$16,000 would cover food, refreshments, and security, along with Westfield State's Public Safety. After the AUC received all the details they formed a sub-committee to work with the commencement committee to create a forum for the campus.

Tori Landry from the Neighborhood Advisory Board, told senators that the new science building near Wilson Hall would begin building in one year and should be filled with students by the fall semester of 2016. The board also stated that the company that worked to build the Woodward Center would be building the science center. She finished by saying the board discussed renovating air conditioners in Parenzo Hall and Bates Hall by the fall semester of 2014.

Next Rebecca DiVico, vice president of student life, touched upon the Educational Benchmarking Inc. (EBI) survey, which is a survey designed to obtain feedback from students about their Resident Assistant, and satisfaction with on-campus living overall.

She encourages all stu-

dents to take it and try to win the prizes. Two participants can win a \$250 gift card, three participants can win a \$100 gift card, and six participants can win a \$50 gift card to the University Bookstore.

DiVico also shared some startling news from Public Safety. They are asking all students living on campus to clean up after themselves. Building damages are at an alarming rate for November and taking care of trash and bathrooms go a long way to help these issues, DiVico stated.

Tom Durkee, food services committee, announced that Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Nov. 21 in the Dining Commons. A new addition this year is that the holiday meal will not be open to the public in order to decrease lines and to keep out non-affiliated members of Westfield State.

Steve Kligerman, vice president of programming, gave his report by saying that New York City bus trip will be on Saturday, Dec. 7. Tickets will be on sale on Nov. 12 for \$5.

Joshua Frank, vice president of finance, presented three finance proposals to the senators. The first was for the Musical Theater Guild, who asked for funds for the annual spring musical. Frank motioned to allocate \$1,400, which passed unanimously with the SGA.

The second was EMS Club asking for specific supplies they need to update their inventory. Frank presented a list of the items to the SGA with a projector. They asked for certain thermometers, triage kits, and other emergency care supplies. Frank also gave statistics that said the EMS Club had responded to seventy-seven calls this year so far and fourteen of

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Be sure to include your name and email address.

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Student Spotlight

by Matt Carlin, Asst. Managing Editor

This week, we decided to feature our new managing editor in the Student Spotlight. If you or somebody you know should be featured, email thevoice@westfield.ma.edu.

Emily Hanshaw

Amesbury, Mass.
Criminal Justice Major

1. Where is your favorite place to hang out on campus when not in class? Why?

Lammers 3rd floor common room, because that is where my friends spend their lives.

2. What has been your favorite class here at Westfield State? Why?

My favorite class would be "Intro to Criminal Justice," the reason being that it is my major class and Professor Cook is a great professor.

3. Your most recent "weird dream" was...? (Keep it clean!)

That's a dumb question, we should skip it.

4. Favorite television show to watch and why?

Game of Thrones, because it is awesome.

5. Where do you realistically see yourself in five years after college? Be as specific but brief as possible. Somewhere in the Criminal Justice field. I haven't decided what I want specifically.

6. If money were no concern, briefly describe your dream vacation?

I would probably go to Tuscany, Italy because I've heard that it is a beautiful city.

7. Most important non-physical attribute in deciding to enter a relationship with a girl/boy (i.e. humor, honesty, sincerity, wealth, intelligence, etc.)?

Definitely honesty.

Halloweekend was something that many people enjoyed, whether they dressed up or not

J.R. Nieb

Voice Contributor

In 2013, the students at Westfield State University celebrated Halloween in many different ways.

Halloween is a unique holiday that everyone enjoys. People can dress up however they like: scary, cute, or funny. Candy is free and people can find all different ways to have fun annually on October 31st.

"Halloween 2013 was a different type of Halloween," said Molly Waitt, a junior criminal justice and psychology major at Westfield State.

Sometimes it falls on a weekend but other years lands on a schoolnight. Those are one of the few schoolnights that parents are lenient about kids staying up late. College kids stay out until early in the morning and many struggle to get out of bed to go to class the next day.

Even though many people think of a costume to wear and go to a party, some decide to stay in.

"It was the first time I did not dress up," said Waitt. "The weather reminded me of scary movies. It was very dark and sprinkling, like a horror film with a killer. This year

was different because I didn't go out at all. I didn't even get a costume or go to a Halloween party.

To celebrate, I wore a sweatshirt that said RIP with a gravestone and gave out candy to kids on my street. I didn't wear a costume. Next year, I will dress up again because Halloween falls on a Friday and I can go out and dress up.

I didn't like how I couldn't get into the spirit, but I liked that I saw a lot of other people in the spirit and that the air seemed to be filled with spook."

This year was officially name "Halloweekend" and people continued to dress up throughout the weekend and into November. Some people even have a party on the weekend before the holiday in accordance to their plans for the upcoming week.

"I celebrated Halloween last weekend at a Halloween party back home with my friends," said Emily Badger, a first year social work major. "My costume was a teacher's pet. Next Halloween will probably be similar to this year. But I may go out on Halloween night next year. This Halloween, I liked seeing everyone's costumes and eating lots of candy."

"Halloweekend" encourages people to be creative and think of multiple costumes. One for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, before the weekend is over and business begins again.

"I thought this Halloween was different from past experiences," said Katie Inoue, a junior art major at Westfield State.

Inoue said she had never dressed in more than one costume before this year, when she wore three. She dressed as a ninja, a schoolgirl, and a Hawaiian hula dancer. "I got dressed up in a spooky costume and ate more candy than I was supposed to."

Although the night of horrors was fun, it did rain and many people walking outside were freezing.

"The weather will probably be the same," said Inoue about next Halloween. She didn't like how cold it was this past Halloween.

Hopefully the weather will be better next year and Halloween will be even more fun than this year.

New trends in 2014 will undoubtedly create new ideas for costumes and people will make Halloween 2014 a memorable one. Outdoing 2013 will be hard though.

Alumni Mentor Day is a good networking opportunity

Jessica Bausemer
Voice Contributor

As I'm reaching the end of the first semester of my final year at Westfield State, I'm beginning to worry about what my prospects will be after graduation.

Will I be able to get a job? Which jobs are available for me?

What have other Westfield graduates done?

Will anyone hire me?

If you are also worried about impending unemployment after

graduation, the Alumni Mentor Days will help you to allay those fears.

They will help you to avoid living in your parents' basement with a pile of student loan debt and to realize that there are many opportunities for Westfield graduates after graduation.

These informational networking events are focused around actual Westfield Alumni.

They will share where they are employed, advice, and stories of job searches, interviews, and final

acceptance to their current job. Alumni will be sitting at different tables where students will have a chance to briefly introduce themselves and ask questions.

They will get the chance to hear the stories the Alumni have to tell. Not only will you be able to get advice from past students, but you will also be able to network in your particular field.

The last Mentor Day for the Science departments was held Wednesday, November 6th from

6:30-8:30pm, but the upcoming event still available is the Communications Mentor Day on November 14th from 5:30-7:30p.m. in the Scanlon Banquet Hall.

Though the day is structured to have a focus on different employment possibilities for communications undergraduates, there are Alumni representing jobs from several different fields and students in other majors are encouraged to attend.

Some of the jobs now held by past Westfield

students range from Peter Francis, a Staff Writer at *The Westfield News*, Nicole Nalepa, a Multi-Platform Journalist at WWLP TV-22, Amanda Jo Parker, the Promotions Director at WHAI Bear Country 95.3, and Joanne Bigelow, Director of Event Management here at Westfield State University.

With the success of these students, you can be assured there is more waiting for Westfield graduates than looming debt and sleeping in our childhood bunk beds.

Gail's Guidance

"Gail's Guidance" is written by our advice columnist who shall remain nameless. If you are interested in having Gail solve your problems, slide your anonymous question under the door to The Westfield Voice office in Ely 305 or email them to thevoice@westfield.ma.edu.

Dear Gail,

I missed my period but don't want to tell my boyfriend because I'm afraid he'll break up with me if I'm pregnant.

Dear Searching for Flo,

A child growing inside of you is not something that can be simply swept under the rug. It is very much real, as it will undoubtedly influence the entire course of your life. It is pressing and your choice must be made.

Your first move should be to get tested: both independently through the pee-stick test and by a doctor.

If the answer is 'no,' you're in the clear. If the answer is 'yes,' it becomes a different story.

If your tests do in fact show an apparent pregnancy, you have some options:

A.) Neglect to tell your boyfriend and surprise him with his offspring

B.) Tell your boyfriend what is going on inside of you and make a decision collectively - resulting in either abortion, adoption, or keeping the child.

I recommend the latter of the two.

Nevertheless, it is your body, which gives you the ultimate decision. Yes, his seed is what would (hypothetically) be growing inside of you, however, you would (hypothetically) be the one carrying the child and I feel as though it is roughly 80% your decision.

Normally I would advise you to simply follow your heart, but this decision certainly requires some input from the mind as well. Both your present status and your plans for the future must be deeply considered. If you do not truly believe in your choice, it is the wrong choice.

Best of luck,
Gail

My dearest Gail,

I write to you in the utmost secrecy today concerning an unusual... misfortune in my life. I saw in the past you were willing to help the unfortunate and now as a member of that party I beseech your guidance.

Recently I have taken a liking to a member of the opposite gender and I have grown quite fond of their company.

The issue that now arises is that I may have grown

too fond of their presence in my life, and I shudder to think of the consequence of bringing this to their attention for the fear of the reaction.

However, as painful as it is to reveal this to you, there is another issue. I am not without the company of yet another member of the opposite gender.

My dearest Gail please help me, I hope your guidance will allow me to effectively handle the situation.

What should I do?

Yours truly,
Dazed and Confused

Dear Shakespeare,
Ah, always a difficult situation.

To be incredibly cliché, I will merely state that honesty is the best policy.

I understand it is difficult, as you don't want to hurt your current significant other.

Although not wanting to hurt them is somewhat admirable in a twisted sort of

way, waiting to tell them will only hurt them more - as he/she will most likely continue to fall for you while you surreptitiously pursue another.

If you're sure you have feelings for another, you should end your relationship with your current partner instead of stringing them along and treating them extremely unfairly.

Unless you can find the ability to shut this new love interest out of your life and your heart, I advise you to do as I recommend and be nothing but honest.

Although it is brutal, it is the right thing to do.

Sincerely,
Gail

Gail is a sophomore english major and a columnist for The Westfield Voice. Letters to Gail's Guidance are anonymous and are deleted upon completion.

Opinions & Editorials

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THE WESTFIELD VOICE

The Liberal View

Halloween as it is around the world

Editor's Note: This article should have been run last week. It was left out of the paper due to an editorial oversight.

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

So it is the week of Halloween and I would like to talk about some of the Halloween celebrations around the world.

In our country, we have the customary trick-or-treating routine. At my work, kids can come in for free munchkins if they're dressed up. We do this because the streets in the area not so pedestrian-friendly. I'll be enjoying my night there again this year.

Our idea of carving pumpkins and lighting them up all over town actually comes from Ireland.

Many are familiar with Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) in Mexico. This has roots from the two-month celebration of the harvest in which the dead were honored. Today, the holiday incorporates both European and Indigenous blends in its festivals.

Mictecacihuatl was the 'Lady of the Dead,'

who most of the offerings and festivities centered around. Aztec people believed that on one day of the year, the dead would be able to visit the living upon invitation. Families make a display of photos, food, drinks, flowers, trinkets, and music to help the dead return home.

In Japan, there is a similar festival called Obon. This holiday starts before the fall harvest back in August. Like in Mexico, the festival is a celebration of family members who have passed on and are invited to join living family members.

Obon, which is also called the 'Lantern Lighting Festival' because the city is filled with them to create light for spirits to find their way home. At the end of the festival, the paper lanterns are gently placed down rivers and streams to guide the spirits home.

Hawaii and California are both states that have similar festivals in Japanese-American populated areas.

The idea of light is similar to that of the jack-o-lanterns Americans leave out.

The P'chum Ben festival is a holiday celebrated

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Anonymous aims at defending humanity by peacefully protesting

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

This Tuesday, Nov. 5, in Boston and as far as Mumbai, groups of people congregated for a masked parade. Outsiders may have looked at the event and become confused as to why everyone was dressed up for Halloween a week later.

These people are part of a group known as Anonymous, who say they are aimed at defending humanity. They were there protesting corporations that manipulate people and disrupt an international code of ethics.

Anonymous members say that they are peaceful protestors and are not affiliated with any of the more radical protestors for similar causes.

Tuesday's protest remained relatively peaceful, with only a few arrests made.

Largely the group works online by either hacking or using Facebook to promote their cause. The group is becoming more interactive and hitting the streets.

NBC news reports, "Members of the hacking activist group Anonymous called for demonstrations in more than 450 locations around the world as part of



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Anonymous has taken to peacefully protesting corporate manipulation.

a Million Mask March on the day that marks the anniversary of the 1605 Gunpowder Plot that failed to blow up the English Parliament."

Many say that they feel the government needs to do more to represent the people who are calling out in the Nation's capital, "Obama we got some sh*t to talk about."

Others were protesting the actions of the NSA, following reports that have been leaked claiming that the United States was spying on NATO allies such as Spain, Germany, and France.

Criticisms of Anonymous' protestors include comments like those of OaksTin on NBC's online forum: "I thought that the rich were the enemies, may-

be everyone swimming in millions from making V for Vendetta are exceptions to the rule? Do people really think they represent some sort of higher ideological class or belief because they express their individuality by wearing masks and using monikers from a movie that was viewed by billions of people? Real original."

What I take from this is that people are getting control of their voices and are coming together for a collective cause. It is this 'American dream' that applauds the underdog in becoming the hero. This mentality of 'they did it so why can't you?' creates an 'other' instead of an

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Gentlemen's Weekly: Red flags to look for when entering into a new relationship

Josh Minardi
Voice Columnist

Many of you have probably had that friend who started dating someone who really made you scratch your head. For whatever the particular reason, it was hard to see that what your buddy saw in them.

Everyone knew and could clearly see how they were bringing him down. Everyone but your buddy, that is. Or, perhaps, you have been it this friend.

Like it or not, we have all been blinded by love before. The funny thing is, we are literally blinded by love.

Using MRI machines, researches at the University College London have found that love leads to a suppression of the areas of the brain that control critical thought. Once we

get physically and mentally close to this person, the brain decides that the need to assess their character and personality is reduced. To put it simply, love makes us dumb.

And if this wasn't bad enough, love releases oxytocin and dopamine, which further cloud your judgment.

These cause us to ignore the red flags that are waving in front of our face. (Also, if by chance you happen to notice something that appears detrimental to the relationship, you feel like you can help your significant other improve. This is a discussion for a different time, but you cannot force someone to change.)

So, to get back on subject, you may be asking yourself what kind of red flags I am talking about. While every man has his own set of relationship deal

breakers and red flags, I have compiled a list of the usual red flags that have been suggested by psychologists, relationship experts, and people who have lived through much of these experiences.

These patterns of behavior will likely (but not definitely) result in a troubled relationship.

1. They are a self-proclaimed "Drama Queen or Drama King." Beware of men and women who give themselves this title as well as revel in the role. Drama Queens or Kings often swing from one emotional extreme to another. When life seems too boring or flat, they'll go out of their way to create controversy. They're often impulsive and demand to be the center of attention.

Drama Queens and Kings can be very alluring and attractive at the

beginning of relationships because they seem outgoing and seductive. But the shtick will get old and constant drama makes people miserable.

2. You cannot stand any of their friends. You don't need to be "besties" with them, but if the thought of spending more than an hour with any one of them makes you want to jump in front of a bus, then you might have reason to be concerned about your relationship.

There is much wisdom in the phrase "Birds of a feather flock together." This isn't always true, as evident by a very good friend of mine who cannot stand his girlfriend's friends, but has been in this relationship for almost four years.

3. They are not honest or they are a flake. We all know that trust and honesty are some of the most impor-

tant aspects of a strong, healthy relationship and it is hard to trust someone who flakes out on you all the time and cannot be honest with.

Watch to see if your guy or gal follows through on commitments in all aspects of their life. If they are a flake with those, chances are they will be like that with you.

4. They treat waiters like second-class citizens. You can glean important information about a person from the way they treat strangers.

Especially those in a "server" role like a waiter, barista, or bank clerk. Psychologists have found that the way an individual treats strangers is often an indicator of said person's empathy, social conscience, and maturity

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The Conservative View: Gov. Chris Christie: He's still alive? I'll have fries with that!

Matthew Carlin
Asst. Managing Editor

Chris Christie won reelection in the "deep blue" state of New Jersey by a crushing margin! Winning his second bid for the governorship, Christie offers a much-needed "ray of hope" for the GOP.

Christie, whose stance is against most New Jersey voters views on issues like the minimum wage standard, abortion rights and same sex marriage rights, has won key votes within

communities within prevalent minority communities including splitting the Hispanic vote alongside a strong majority of the African American majority.

These key demographic victories come as great news for Republican National Committee, who view Chris Christie's victory as a stepping stone for the 2016 presidential election.

Liberals view Christie as a moderate republican who they can willingly work with on key issues, while conservatives, especially the bulk of the Republican

Party, view Christie as a key standard for true republican values while being a proponent to keep the dreaded Tea Party at bay.

Now I'm going to ask a major question that has come out of this election... why the heck does this even matter?

I mean, the next election is in another three years! How can we already rally behind a candidate for an election that won't even happen until 2016?

Obama is just starting his second year for his second term. Sure, I don't like the policies Obama has

been enacting but to just forget about what day I'm living in is just too silly, to say the least.

In the case of Chris Christie, I am glad that a moderate republican was able to win in such a liberal state like New Jersey, from a conservative point, but that's it.

I'm not coming out as the newest Christie fanatic, not because he has three years to survive, but because he doesn't even want it!

Christie doesn't even desire all this "presidential attention" in the first place. He has been quoted saying that he was elected govern-

nor of New Jersey... not as the next president.

I shouldn't miss the opportunity to talk about the fact the Christie does have a pretty easy path ahead of him to get the Republican nomination.

He now heads the Republican Governors Association, which puts him place to be deciding which republicans run for which seats.

Christie is in a position to not only be familiar with the Republican candidates but also now have the potential to have a few "favors" owed to him by upper party leaders.

From the Editor's Desk

This past Tuesday was Election Day.

I did not follow the Westfield city elections, but I am happy that Dan Knapik got back into office. I couldn't see why he should not be re-elected to his seat.

I superficially followed the Holyoke mayoral race. I was rooting for Alex Morse. His flip-flopping regarding the casino and Big Y/Walmart issues concerned me, but the courage that it takes to publicly change your mind is admirable. I am glad to see him back in office.

Regarding my hometown, Chicopee, I am very happy with the results. The mayoral race was a battle royale between two mayors: Michael Bissonnette and Richard Kos. I voted for Richie Kos, and he won!

It was the first mayoral candidate that I voted for that won their election, so I was happy about that.

I would have voted for Bissonnette if he did not have so many scandals during his tenure.

And there were a couple. One dealt with a petition to extend the mayoral term from two years to four. On the petition that was signed by registered voters, there were many signatures that appeared to be forged. In the end, the mayor's chief of staff was sent to jail.

The most recent scandal dealt with Bissonnette's choice for police chief. The mayor chose the person who ended up second on the civil service list of candidates. When a person is chosen who is not the first candidate, there must be a written explanation explaining the choice.

To make matters worse, the police department ended up in hot water due to the actions of some of their officers. At the scene of the murder of a well-known Chicopee girl, one of the police officers snapped a photo of the girl's

body and disseminated it to other officers. These other officers then showed the photo to members of the public.

The mayor ordered an investigation into the internal affairs of the police department, drawing the ire of many citizens in the city and the eye of a couple of city councilors.

While the insistence on the part of the city councilors waned, the city still kept the unsolved murder in the back of their minds as they hit the polls.

There was such uproar about the photos taken of the victim, the fact that the murder was still unsolved, and that the mayor was bringing this to the attention of the public in a forceful way. Coincidentally, there was a suspect arrested on Election Day.

Kos won the election by 2,124 votes, and I think that a lot of those votes for Kos were gained because people felt it was too much of a coincidence that the suspect was captured on Election Day.

Of course, that was not helped by Bissonnette who, when announcing the suspect's capture on Facebook, exclaimed, "THEY GOT HIM!! Best Election Day ever." It was a very odd sequence of events, indeed.

The mayor's race is small potatoes compared to the marquee election for me that day.

Westfield State senior Adam Lamontagne was in a race for Ward One City Council against ten-year incumbent Dino Brunetti. He has been serving on the School Committee as the committeeman from Ward One since 2008.

I was Adam's campaign manager and I have to say, it was one hard fought battle. I joined the campaign with eight weeks to go so I was sort of late to the game. We worked hard, eventually knocking on 2,000 doors and sending all sorts of mailers and communications to the voters.



PHOTO BY JOSHUA CLARK

Adam Lamontagne with his supporters holding signs and waving at potential voters. His sign says, "Hi! I'm Adam. I need your help!"

Our standouts were packed with people who were supporting Adam's candidacy to the city council with enthusiasm and excitement. There are so many words that I could use to talk about the campaign, but I just cannot put it into written text right now.

In other races, some of my friends were not so successful. Joel McAuliffe, in his second attempt for school committee-at-large, lost by over 2,000 votes. It was a tough loss because Joel ran such a strong and active campaign compared to the lazy and disjointed campaign that his opponent ran.

My other friend, Jim Tanhauser, Jr., lost his race for city councilor-at-large. I voted for both Joel and Jim, so I was a little disappointed to see that they did not make it.

The state senate race was exciting, as well. It was a nail-biter at the end; I was nervous Don Humason was not going to make it, but he did! Humason's new district covers both this university and my house in Chicopee, so I voted for Humason and am very happy he won.

Bartley was somewhat qualified but I felt that he was running off of his father's record. Being a

ward councilor running against a fairly good state representative, Bartley could have campaigned harder. One example of this would be the lack of his candidate profile in this newspaper.

A person with his campaign reached out to me in order to get the candidate profile into print.

Legally, I am required to offer the same opportunity to Humason to provide equal space so that is what I did. Humason got back to me within 24 hours, whereas Bartley still had not gotten back to me by the end of the production schedule for the Nov. 1 issue.

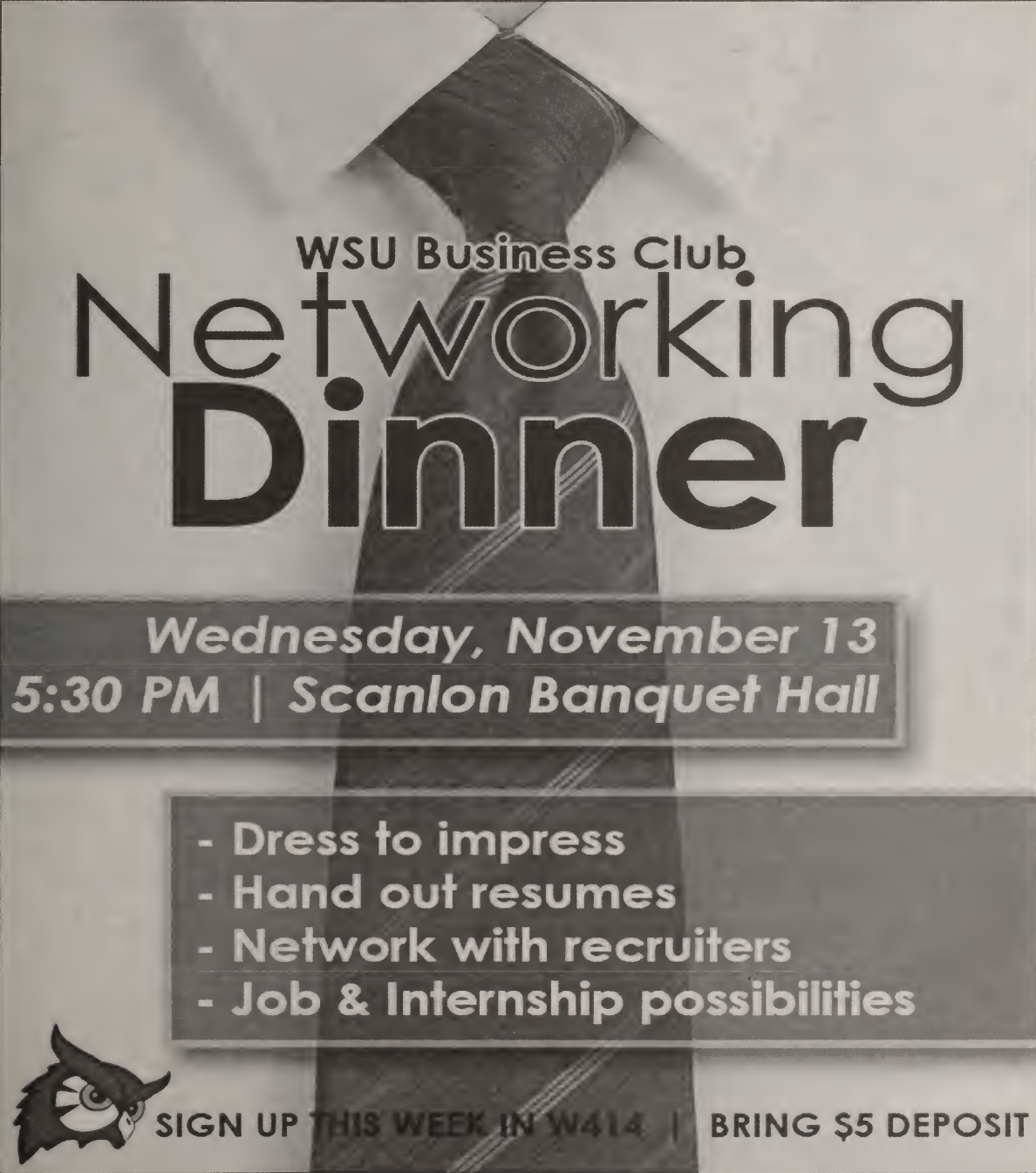
His loss, though. The student-voters who read this newspaper could have gotten his perspective on the same questions that we asked Humason. Opportunity lost. In my opinion, this election cycle made up for the sheer losses I experienced in the 2011 and 2012 election cycles.

Let's hope that these political gains continue.



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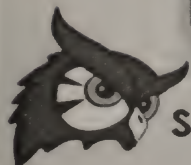


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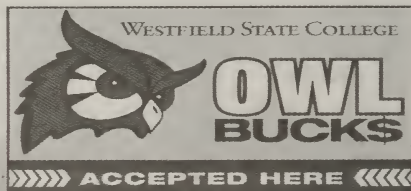
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From 'The Voice' Vault

Nader changes focus

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Owl Staff

Six years after coming to Washington, Ralph Nader is switching the focus of his consumer crusade to the grassroots.

Aiming to enlist an army of students, housewives and young lawyers, Nader plans to have these individuals do in their communities what Nader himself does from his home base in the Capital.

Nader says nearly all the best lawyers work for the highest bidder, usually big business. He feels this results in an almost unbroken string of decisions, which short-change the public.

The solution is to give the public equal representation in the legal arena—the same caliber of lawyers, accountants, and scientists hired by business.

For instance, Nader says it is often hopeless for a homeowner to protest his property tax. The answer, he says, is for all local homeowners to chip in, hire a lawyer, and perhaps an accountant, survey all the tax assessments and argue for lower rates on homes and higher rates on business.

He says it is precisely what industry does with the result that many localities grant tax favors

to local business and make up the difference by taxing homeowners more.

Now 36, Nader still works 16 to 20 hours a day. He is spending more time on the road, not just giving speeches—which for years have helped finance his office—but trying to induce the creation of local and state public service enterprises.

Recruiting

Nader said his primary recruiting targets are college students and young lawyers.

His approach to students runs like this:

You say you want to fight racism, pollution, and consumer abuses. Well, put your money where your mouth is. Chip in \$3 a year each for a statewide public service fund, elect your own board of directors, pick your targets, hire lawyers, and other skilled help and go to work.

To young Wall Street lawyers, Nader says: Right out of law school you make \$16,000 to \$18,000 a year from business. You owe something to the other side of issues.

Chip in \$500 a year each and set up an independent law firm to do public service work. "I call it a 'breeder law firm' because it would prompt similar lawyers' efforts elsewhere," Nader said. "They can dig up or borrow \$500 to improve the system which is paying them so well."

With skilled grass roots repre-

sentation, Nader said, the consumer movement can be oriented toward productive action rather than being largely informational and educational. Nader's Washington goals this year are the same broad consumer protection laws that narrowly failed to win approval by Congress in 1970.

One would establish an independent federal agency to represent the consumer. In effect, that taxpayers would finance on a large national scale the kind of public service firm Nader is trying to create privately elsewhere on a small local scale.

Another, also linked to Nader's idea that consumers must band together, would let one aggrieved customer sue a firm on behalf of everyone victimized by the same shoddy product of phony sales pitch.

Base of Operations

Nader's Washington office is frequently pictured as a small, threadbare operation populated by a few idealistic students. In actuality, he actually runs two Washington offices. The main one, the Center for the Study of Presonsive Law, is the home of the widely publicized "Nader's Raiders," student groups whose investigative reports have scorched federal bureaucrats.

The center is tax exempt, sticks to investigations and public disclosure of alleged scandals and shortcomings in government and business and has an annual budget of \$285,000. Its half dozen lawyers

make up to \$15,000 a year, but the full-time staff totals fewer than 15.

The second office, with a \$170,000 budget, is called the Public Interest Research Group. This is a nonprofit firm of fourteen young lawyers who receive \$5,000 their first year out of law school. Nader signs them up in the expectation they will move on to more lucrative jobs.

Nader's groups have initiated a suit against the Food and Drug Administration seeking stiffer warning labels on birth control pills, an investigation of the environmental hazards of nuclear power plants, and an exploration of ways to force more public disclosure of government activities.

Where does Nader get his money? Small foundations finance most of the center's activities, with a substantial but lesser amount coming in small contributions from individuals.

The law firm is not tax exempt and therefore not eligible for charitable donations. Its money comes from two sources. One is the more than \$400,000 Nader got in his suit against General Motors Corp., which had hired private detectives to trail the author of "Unsafe At Any Speed."

The second source is Nader's own fundraising, mostly lecturing and writing. Nader estimated he spent 20 percent of this time raising money to pay office bills.

Chancellor given petition during visit

This article was published in the November 17, 1987 issue of The Westfield State Owl.

Andrew Nelson

Editor-in-Chief

Franklyn Jenifer, newly appointed state chancellor of higher education, was presented with a petition during his recent visit to Westfield State College.

The petition, presented by WSC senior Bruce Goodwin, calls

for the resignation of trustees Charles P. Hapcook, Jane Berry, and Sophie Chmura.

The three trustees approved a \$10,000 settlement to a student that former college President Francis J. Pilecki is alleged to have sexually assaulted.

Goodwin said Jenifer was rude when the petition was presented.

"He told me to give it to one of his aides," said Goodwin.

Jenifer denied later in the day that he had the petition.

The presentation of the petition was shown on many major television stations that Goodwin said, were also ignored by Jenifer.

Accompanying Jenifer on the visit was L. Edward Lashman, chairman of the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

Lashman and Jenifer attended several closed-door meetings during the day with students, faculty, staff, and administration.

"I'm very, very reassured that

Westfield is a quality institution in the system of higher education," Jenifer was reported as saying in the Morning Union.

Jenifer would not comment on the recent controversy at Westfield State.

But Goodwin did.

"It's kind of sad," he said. "kids on campus can't make a stand."

Goodwin said he was hoping to gather 1,000 signatures, but collected 660. "I hope it will have an effect."

Arts & Entertainment

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as of Nov. 5, 2013 **Top 10 Singles**

1. Lorde - Royals
2. Katy Perry - Roar
3. Miley Cyrus - Wrecking Ball
4. Avicii - Wake Me Up
5. Drake - Hold On, We're Going Home
6. Jay-Z - Holy Grail
7. Lady Gaga - Applause
8. One Republic - Counting Stars
9. Imagine Dragons - Demons
10. Ylvis - The Fox

Top 5 Albums

1. Lorde - Pure Heroine
2. Katy Perry - Prism
3. Arcade Fire - Reflektor
4. One Direction - Midnight Memories
5. Kelly Clarkson - Wrapped in Red

Top 5 Movies

1. Ender's Game
2. Bad Grandpa
3. Las Vegas
4. Free Birds
5. Gravity

Upcoming DVDs

1. Man of Steel
2. Turbo
3. Paradise
4. The Citizen
5. We're the Millers

Phish debuts new album "Wingsuit" at this year's Halloween show

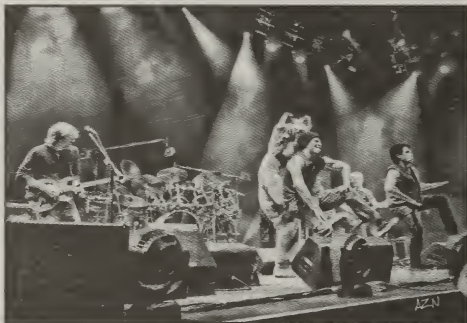


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Phish debuted their latest album at their last show.

Jessica Thelen Voice Reporter

Previous Halloween, Phish has played a "musical costume" set, in which they cover one of their favorite albums.

This Halloween, however, the band decided to forego tradition and "cover" themselves: they played their as-yet-to-be-recorded album, tentatively titled *Wingsuit*. Trey Anastasio, the band's front man and guitarist, told fans at the show that they were going to head into the studio as soon as they finished their Fall Tour.

many of which were written by all four members.

Although, keyboardist Page McConnell warned fans that the live Halloween debut of *Wingsuit* is just a rough idea of what the album would look like: the twelve songs played may or may not appear on the album; some will never be heard again, and some will become live staples in Phish's ever-increasing catalogue of songs.

The band started off with the album's namesake, "Wingsuit." This song is a fitting title track; it's beautifully composed, full of Page and Trey's perfectly balanced vocals, and its self-reflective lyrics are fitting, considering this year is Phish's 30th year anniversary as a band.

This album and this song in particular, shows Phish hearkening to the past, recalling people they once knew and places they've been. However,

it also shows them looking forward into the future, furthering their already famous inter-band communication, improving their harmonies, and constantly experimenting with their music and lyrics.

"Fuego" is a rocking, yet funky number that has the ability to stretch out and become something entirely different from what it was before.

It gets you up and moving, and references coffee cups, as well as Vlad the Impaler. The song has many turning points and takes on an incredibly Phish 1997 feel right near the three minute mark; "Fuego" glides, sinks, and dips into various musical territory—a rocker one minute, and a spacey, psychedelic adventure the next.

The rollicking, peppy "Monica" features vocals by the entire band, layering the song in interesting ways.

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Knowing to Cook: Learning by improvisation

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

For cooks, just as for the musician or the actor, improvisation is an important learning tool to become familiar with. In cooking, improvisation is the only way in which new and bold recipes can be discovered.

However, improvisational cooking is not just the throwing together of random ingredients. Instead, a cook must be able to observe what is before him/her and discern which ingredients will go well together and which will not.

I draw a comparison now to the Food Network program, *Chopped*. On the show, four cooks are given three rounds to create an appetizer, entrée, and dessert.

Here's the catch: \$10,000 are at stake, each round has a time limit, one cook gets eliminated after each round by a panel of judges, and the cooks must use the random ingredients they find in the baskets at their stations. They are allowed access to the pantry and

other cooking tools on set, but they must be able to incorporate all of the strange ingredients they have been given.

Cooking in the safety of your own kitchen with no time limit and no staring judges is a greatly preferred method when it comes to improvising.

Unfortunately, you lose the chance to win \$10,000.

Still, *Chopped* is an excellent way to ignite the creative spark, not just within the contestants, but within the viewing audience as well.

Being able to combine the strangest ingredients into something beautiful and delectable takes a great deal of creativity and is something to be proud of.

Last Friday, my friends Marisa, Hannah, and Erica decided to give me a *Chopped*-like challenge.

They provided me with eight random ingredients, out of which I had to construct a meal. My ingredients were: chicken, two oranges, ginger, honey, coffee, and Apple Cider Donuts. I had no time limit and access to my spice cabinet, but I was ordered to "Make it good....or else."

So, I was forced to improvise and I must say it was fun.

I used the oranges, ginger, and honey, along with onions, garlic, thyme, parsley, and a splash of orange juice to make a rather thick marinade, which I cooked the chicken in. I made rice and brussel sprouts as a side.

Then I made the coffee and mixed in brown sugar and cinnamon and poured the mixture over the cubed donuts to make a sort of bread pudding.

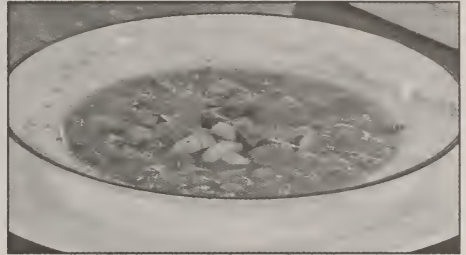
The ladies and I were very happy with the result, and I was quite glad I did not have to discover what "or else" meant.

I was also quite pleased with myself that I had created an original recipe that I can now call my own. There is always great satisfaction in that.

So, while my improvised dinners came out very well, they are not yet ready to be tested by others since I need to fine tune them myself.

However, on Saturday night I made a lovely on-the-spot Mushroom-Tomato Soup that I think you all would enjoy!

Buona Tavola!



Mushroom-Tomato Soup

Ingredients:

20 baby Portobello mushrooms

1 can diced tomatoes

1 small onion

½ stick butter

1 cup water

2 chicken bouillon cubes

4 sundried tomatoes

Salt and Pepper

Oregano

Parsley

Red Pepper Flakes

Instructions:

1. Chop mushrooms and onions finely.

2. Heat a medium sized pot and add the ½ stick of butter.

3. Once the butter is melted and bubbling, add mushrooms and onions.

Cook until onions are translucent.

4. Add sundried tomatoes.

5. Dissolve the chicken bouillon cubes in a cup of hot water.

6. Add diced tomatoes, oregano, parsley, red pepper flakes, salt, pepper, and the bouillon infused water into the pot.

7. Simmer for 30 minutes.

Ryan Cashman is a sophomore communications and theatre arts double major and the food columnist for The Westfield Voice.

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'The Magic Flute' had a sense of magic to it

Lydia Grossi

Voice Writing Intern

This weekend I attended the opera put on by the WSU Music Theatre Department in the Dever auditorium.

The opera, "The Magic Flute" did have a sense of magic to it, with a sparkle of a flute.

The play itself originally written by Mozart, was extremely well done by the music students; each person displayed their unique capabilities of singing as well as acting.

For those who are not familiar with the opera, it was about a daughter,

whose mother was the Queen of the Night. She was kidnapped by an evil sorcerer, and it was up to the heroic prince to save her.

With a little help of a magical flute, both Tamino (Lewis Pacheco), and his trusty partner in crime, Papageno (Leo Biocchi), set out through adventures to save the beautiful Pamina (Aleks Donato). Pamina was in danger of Sarastro (Joshua Osburne), and the evil queen (Emily Stewart).

Going into the play, I did not have any expectations, and I am glad I didn't.

I expected the unexpected, and was blown away by the sounds that I heard coming out of familiar faces I have seen around campus.

The energy and vibrant emotions that came out of the lead actors made me smile and enjoy the show that much more. I appreciated how the text was serious yet had a sense of humor to it.

The visual aspect to the opera as a whole was inviting too. Each costume had popping colors that swirled about the stage.

What made it more

exciting to watch was the fact that my roommate was the lead part.

Aleks Donato, the beautiful Pamina was breathtaking and seeing her perform gave me a chance to look at her in a different light. I never realized how amazing of a singer and how talented she was.

Her ability to sing high with a sensational vibrato gave me chills while I sat in my seat. Her love of the stage showed by the smile that spread across her pretty face.

"I just love being on stage," Donato said. She went on to describe her

appreciation of her surrounding on-stage family, "Being able to work with so many talented people, and accomplishing such complicated music was my favorite part."

Donato expressed how she rarely gets nervous, "once you do it so many times, you get comfortable."

Watching my friend as well as my colleagues perform such a brilliant opera made the show that much more pleasurable. I left Dever auditorium feeling satisfied with the showing of "The Magic Flute."

'Magic Flute' was fantastic

Jessica Bausemer

Voice Contributor

This past weekend, Dever Stage and Westfield State University's Music Department presented Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" here on campus.

Directed by Mary Brown-Bonacci, the opera was a fantastic performance featuring a green and golden dragon, a dark Queen of the Night, magic bells, and of course, a magic flute.

Lewis Pacheco, senior, did an excellent job as the prince Tamino alongside his lover that he needed to rescue, Pamina (played by Aleks Donato, senior), from the evil Monostatos (Adam Guillermo,

junior).

A recent transfer student, Emily Stewart, who played the evil Queen of the Night, also had many shining moments as her soprano voice rang out into the auditorium.

Comic characters Papageno and Papagena really stole the show.

The bird-loving couple was played by Leo Biocchi and senior Kerry Turok, whose hilarious dynamic kept the audience chuckling throughout the performance.

These two were not the only two with comic moments, as this opera had a fun flair with both comedic and dramatic songs.

"The Magic Flute" really came to life with costumes designed by Solveig Pfluger, who used flowing fabrics and bright colors to bring characters to life.

Papageno and Papagena were clad in feathery bright greens, while the Queen of the Knight and her ladies had opalescent black fabrics and sparkling laces.

Sarastro and his companions were clad in warm yellows and shimmering gold.

The combination of a classical fantasy plot line, the excellent opera songs, and the amazing costume work made this a performance not to be missed.

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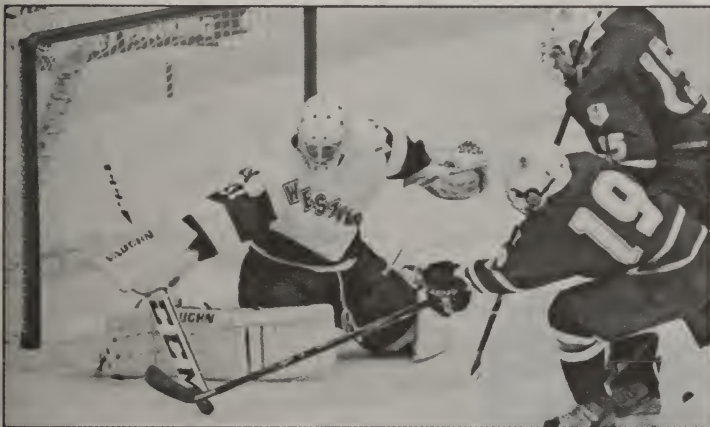
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Hockey drops first two games of season 4-2, 4-3



Westfield goalie Ian Perrier makes a save against Western New England on November 1. The Owls were defeated 4-2 despite his 43 saves in the game.

Ryan Sances Voice Reporter

The Westfield State men's ice hockey team dropped its season opener to Western New England by a score of 4-2 at the MassMutual Center on Friday, Nov. 1.

Westfield sophomore forward P.J. McCadden's first period tally opened the scoring for the Owls who held a 1-0 lead at the end of the opening frame.

The tide of the game would change in the second period as Western New England outshot Westfield 17-6 in the middle period, scoring twice, including a late power play goal to take

a 2-1 lead heading into the final period.

Things didn't get any better for Westfield in the third period as Western New England's Matt Dore scored twice in the final minutes of the third, the latter of which coming with the Westfield net empty to put the Owls away.

Westfield Freshman defenseman Justin DeVincentis would score a relatively meaningless goal with only two seconds left in the game to put the final score at 4-2.

Despite taking the loss, junior goaltender Ian Perrier was strong between the pipes for the Westfield making 43

saves as the Owls were outshot 47-38 in the contest. Josh McCully and Dave O'Connor collected the assists on the Westfield goals.

Westfield's second game in the past week was against Assumption College in Springfield. Getting behind early, the Owls were not able to make up the difference and lost 4-3. Assumption was able to jump out to an early 2-0 lead in the 1st period before captain Vince Perreault scored with 8 seconds left.

Dave O'Connor was able to finish a shot seven minutes in to the second to tie the game at 2-2. Later in the pe-

riod, however, a game misconduct penalty committed by the Owls gave Assumption great scoring opportunities. They were able to finish two goals on the power play to take a two goal lead for the second time in the game.

Sophomore defenseman Kyllian Kirkwood was able to cut the deficit to 1 with seven minutes left, but the Owls were never able to even the score.

The Westfield hockey team had a game against Curry on Thursday and then they will be traveling to Framingham State on Tuesday, Nov.

12 for the team's first Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) game of the season. The puck drops at 7:20 p.m. against the Rams in Loring Arena.

The Owls accumulated a record of 2-0-1 against Framingham State a season ago, outscoring them 12-4 in the two wins.

Coach Bob Miele and his team look to improve on their road record in the 2012-2013 season going 5-6-1 away from Amelia Park Arena in Westfield, Mass and finish above .500 this season.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Friday, November 1st
Ice Hockey vs. Western New England L 2-4
Field Hockey vs Western Connecticut State W 3-2 OT
Saturday, November 2nd
W Swimming vs. Smith College Relays (non-scoring meet)
Vball at Framingham State W 3-1
W XC at MASCAC Championship 1st Place
M XC at MASCAC Championship 1st Place
W XC at NEAC 3rd Place
M XC at NEAC 3rd Place
Football vs Fitchburg State L 23-26
W Soccer at Framingham State L 0-2
M Soccer vs Framingham State L 1-3
Tuesday, November 5th
Field Hockey at Bridgewater State L 2-5
Ice Hockey vs Assumption L 3-4

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, November 7th
Ice Hockey vs. Curry 7:35 p.m.
Friday, November 8th
W Soccer vs Bridgewater State 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 9th
VBall Semifinals 11:00 a.m.
W XC ECAC 11:00 a.m.
M XC ECAC 12:00 p.m.
Football at Worcester State 12:00 p.m.
W Swimming at UMass Dartmouth Invite 12:00 p.m.
VBall MASCAC Champ. (TBD)
Sunday, November 10th
W Soccer at MASCAC Champ. (TBD)
Tuesday, November 12th
Ice Hockey at Framingham State 7:20 p.m.
Thursday, November 14th
Ice Hockey at Salem State 7:00 p.m.

Owls lose by 3 on Senior Day

Matt Stover
Voice Reporter

The Fitchburg State football team spoiled coach Marino's and the seniors' final home game by beating the Owls 26-23. Westfield falls to 4-4 on the season, and 3-3 in Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) play.

Westfield was trailing 26-15 with 6:42 remaining in the third quarter before senior quarterback Tim Rich led an impressive 14-play 85-yard drive that ended with the backup running back Sophomore Colby

Bostek took it to the end zone from 16 yards out to make it 26-21.

Instead of kicking the extra point, Coach Marino kept his offense on the field in hopes to make it a field goal game. Tim Rich completed a two-yard pass to Jake Storey to convert the two-point conversion, and bring the Owls within three as they trailed, 26-23.

The Owl's defense promptly did what they have been doing all season, by suffocating opposing team's offenses, and limiting first downs. Fitchburg was held to three-and-outs

for the remainder of the game.

Rich and the Owl's offense got the ball back with a little over five minutes remaining in the game. Westfield orchestrated a beautiful drive, moving the ball through the air, and set up a Michael Orellana game tying field goal from 25 yards away.

Nothing came easy through the ground game for the Owls, as the Falcons held Westfield to just 2.6 yards per carry. Westfield then looked to the passing game which led to an impressive 312 yards pass-

ing, completing 23 of 37 attempts by the senior, Tim Rich.

As time expired, Orellana's field goal was wide right, his second miss of the game, ensuring the win for the Falcons of Fitchburg.

The game was a high scoring showcase as Fitchburg tallied 416 total yards, while Westfield accrued 423 yards.

Westfield will be losing 16 seniors this fall that have been with the team for an overall record of 17-21.

Steve Marino will retire following this season, his 24th as the Westfield State

football head coach. Marino was awarded the position in the spring of 1990, which brought him back to his alma mater.

Westfield is on the road for the next two weeks as they close out the 2013 season. They will first travel to Worcester State for the game taking place Saturday, Nov. 9 at 12:00 p.m.

With two more wins in the final two weeks, the 2013 Westfield State football team will enjoy its highest winning percentage since the club earned a record of 7-3 in 2009 and continue turning heads.

Men's and Women's XC win MASCAC Championship



PHOTO BY OLIVIA MARSHALL

Men's and Women's XC seniors show off their first place trophies in Maine

Andrew Burke
Layout Editor

This past weekend, the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) cross country championships were in Maine. Both the Westfield State men's and women's team placed first in the

meet and continued their dominance this season. The eight seniors were able to finish their careers on a high note.

The men's team finished five runners in the top six and 11 in the top 14 to take the victory. Westfield finished with a total of 18 points, second lowest

in MASCAC history. The lowest score in conference history was the Westfield State team from 1987 with a total of 16.

The team hopes to start a streak of consecutive championships with this win. Bridgewater State was able to win the MASCAC last season in the men's

race.

History is on the side of Westfield and their dominance will be evident in the coming years. They have 24 championships overall and seven of the last ten.

Sophomore Tim Shea won the race with a time of 26:14.63 on the five mile course and freshman Ben Parzich finished second with a time of 26:37.63.

Parzich was named MASCAC rookie of the year after the race for his exceptional performance in his first year on the team.

The New England Alliance Championship was held along with the MASCAC Championship and the men finished third overall. Shea and Parzich also earned New England Alliance all-conference honors along freshman Chris Williams.

Shea, Parzich, Williams, sophomore Mike Skelly, senior Cam Fairbanks, junior Steve Connolly, and junior Zak Gross were the seven Westfield runners that finished in the top ten.

The women's team was able to capture their tenth consecutive MASCAC title by edging Bridgewater State in Saturday's race.

The lady Owls were able to defeat Bridgewater State by ten points, 34-44, en route to finishing seven runners in the top 12.

Although Westfield did not win the race, they were able to cluster their top runners in order to achieve a low score.

Junior Olivia Marshall finished first for the Owls and third overall in the race with a time of 20:03.11 on the 5k course (3.1 miles). MASCAC rookie of the year freshman Jenn Asci finished second for the Owls and fourth overall with a time of 20:12.18

Both teams hope to continue their success in the future while the women's team will be in search of their eleventh straight MASCAC title.

The year 2014 will be a promising season for both teams as they do not have many graduating seniors.

Overthinking It: Fighting for player safety in the NFL is an uphill battle that Roger Goodell might not be able to win



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Joey Cooper Sports Editor

As the National Football League (NFL) is enjoying its most profitable time, the league is entering its most fragile state.

In August, the NFL agreed to pay \$765 million in a settlement with ex-players over a concussion suit. There were 4,500 former players involved in the suit, with key names leading the way such as Tony Dorsett, Jim Mc-

Mahon, and the family of diseased linebacker Junior Seau.

From concealing the dangers of concussions, the NFL is being held responsible for long-term effects such as Alzheimer's, depression and dementia players have endured.

The recent PBS documentary, "League of Denial" highlights the NFL's reckless behavior in conducting insufficient and inconclusive research, performed on their own behalf

to gain answers.

In 1994, former NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue formed a research team in effort to find a connection between concussions and long-term illness. The research team consisted of a team of doctors without credentials in neurology, and maintaining a preconceived notion that there wasn't a link between concussions and lasting sickness.

In a league that has celebrated the bone-crushing

hits for decades, in segments like "Jacked Up" on Monday Night Football, the NFL has quickly made it clear they're now ready to address the issue of player safety head on.

After implementing strict rules on head-to-head contact on offensive players, the defensive nature of the game has suffered over the misinterpretation of the rule.

Players have argued a penalty for head-to-head contact has somehow gotten confused with a clean big hit across the numbers.

Brandon Meriweather, defensive back for the Washington Redskins, had recently received a one-game suspension in the wake of two incidents against the Chicago Bears. Bears receiver Brandon Marshall stated how he believed Meriweather should be kicked out of the league for his play.

Meriweather, clearly a frustrated defensive player who feels shackled by the new rules vowed to aim at

players knees instead, to end their careers, in a sarcastic manor.

Former players like Shannon Sharpe have said they would rather get hit in the head, as opposed to getting hit in the knees, where an ACL injury can keep them out longer than a concussion would.

Every scenario leaves the league at a disadvantage through unhappy players and games being decided over tighter rules, which is displeasing to the fans.

The major on the field adjustments made to improve player safety, have done little to appease those fighting for change off the field. Those currently playing on the field maintain valid concerns with where the game is headed in regards to its physicality being compromised.

With awareness of concussions being released through research

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Resilient Red Sox define Boston culture

Robert Morris Voice Reporter

A little over two years ago, the Boston Red Sox were making headlines. Something every fan wants to see from their team right? Uh, wrong. The 2011 Red Sox season was ended after a September collapse, which included a record of seven wins, and twenty losses, blowing their solid nine game lead in the American League East division and dropping out of playoff contention.

The embarrassment didn't stop there for Boston. While the team was losing,

members of the pitching staff were at the center of controversy after the infamous beer and chicken fiasco was brought to light.

Following the 2011 season, former Red Sox manager Terry Francona was not brought back and Boston acquired Bobby Valentine to fill the position.

The 2012 season came and couldn't go soon enough. Boston had a record of 69 wins and 93 losses. Valentine received much criticism throughout the season from his players and the fan base alike. He was the scapegoat of the forgettable campaign and was not brought back.

Three weeks after the firing of Valentine, former Red Sox bullpen coach, John Farrell, was hired as the new skipper. He became the third in as many seasons.

Boston was predicted to be in the bottom half of the league, and with those predictions left all of the pink hats in Boston. In March, a newly assembled Red Sox core came together and started a team with chemistry like no other. Veterans David Ross, Jonny Gomes, Shane Victorino, Stephen Drew, and Mike Napoli all came with a chip on their shoulder.

General Manager Ben Cherington brought in all members for a reason. They were a group of high quality guys who wanted to win and would do anything it took to do it. Cherington passed up on higher talented ball players because these guys are people who made up the best locker room. They were known for creating chemistry with their teammates and it paid off in the approaching regular season.

The start for the Red Sox was a hot one, going 18-8 through the month of April, with an exciting walk off win on the Patriots' Day.

The win on Marathon Monday was sweet, but the joy would not last long. Hours later, acts of terrorism were performed at the finish line of the Boston marathon and the city was in pandemonium.

The Boston Bombings gave the Red Sox another chip on their shoulder. The players took it upon themselves to help heal the city and show the world how they would respond. Their response was Boston Strong.

With a season full of thrilling late inning come-

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them were alcohol related, meaning, "they're going through much more equipment at an incredibly faster rate when compared to years past."

The EMS Club responded to 124 calls during the whole of the 2012-2013 academic year.

He then motioned to allocate \$4,667.55 to the EMS Club, which was then quickly passed unanimously and Richard Darrach joyfully proclaimed, "It's a SGA miracle!"

The final club was the Business Club. The club is hosting an annual networking dinner and proposed that they need to have the SGA cover half of the cost of the food. Frank motioned to allocate \$478.78, which passed unanimously with the senators.

After Frank's report, new business was opened by senator Joshua Clark.

Clark talked briefly to gauge the interest of the SGA to begin the process of reviving Tekoa, the university's yearbook. Most of the senators liked the idea of rejuvenating the yearbook.

Due to a decrease in staffing, the yearbook died off after the 2000-2001 academic year.

Clark continued to say it is at the very early stages but he hopes to create a staff and work on funding to get the project moving.

After new business was closed, the meeting was adjourned.

The holiday season is a fast paced time, and these next Tuesdays will come and go just like the sun is doing during these days. However, the SGA is committed to do the best work for the students with the time they have and keep harmony on campus.

Those who missed opening roll call were Brittany Moniz, Luis Arzola, Connor Swan, Amy MacDonald, Danny Chamberlain, and Yaira Castellon-Torres.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be on Nov. 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

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in Cambodia for the dead. It is reflective of the lunar calendar and on the tenth month, gifts and food are left out to honor ancestor's spirits.

It is part of a Cambodian Buddhist celebration called Pak Ben, which lasts fourteen days. On each day Buddhists

will wake up at dawn to leave an offering for the deceased.

Villagers also make copious amounts of sticky rice, which is left out for 'hungry ghosts': people that may have passed away with no family of their own to remember them.

Belgium, Austria, and China all have similar traditions of leaving out food on Halloween night to celebrate the dead and feed the spirits.

This idea of feeding the spirits is similar to many of the older cultures of the world. Reverence for the dead is taken much more seriously there than it is here.

Many of the Russian families I worked with or grew up with did not let their children out at night. The Russian Orthodox Church feels that the youth is easily impressed by the mischief that is exposed and promoted on Halloween.

Reported from the Washington Times, Russian Orthodox Church spokesman, Vsevolod Chaplin, says that the consequences of marking the ancient holiday could be: "illnesses, suffering, and a feeling of emptiness."

Germans put away their knives so they do not fear harming spirits, where neighboring France began celebrating Halloween as the Americans do beginning in the 1990's.

It's interesting enough to see that all of these cultures are preparing for long winter nights and feeding the spirits with a surplus of food from the harvest. Many Norse pagan tales say that the long nights are the veil for the spirit-world lifting, and the spirits can return home.

Whatever your tradition is, have a safe and happy Halloween.

HAYDEN, 'Anonymous'
'us,' so people in America do not work collectively for a common goal.

This protest and those similar to it provide a way for the average citizen to speak up against the major corporations. We need to be more aligned with our government's actions; no more lies, and no more secrets!

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of moral thinking.

The same attributes which are essential for healthy relationships.

5. You argue all the time. This really should be more obvious than it is. There is nothing wrong with conflict in a relationship. It's natural and can even be healthy at times. But if all you do is argue, then there is an issue and both of you will be miserable

quickly.

6. They never apologize for their bad behavior. The ability to recognize and take responsibility for negative behavior as well being conscientious in general is an important attribute in maintaining a healthy relationship. As Dr. Van Epp, a well-known relationship expert says, "What you want to see is a partner who quickly admits to wrong because the feelings of guilt register without much defensiveness or denial. Long arguments where you have to convince your partner that he or she was wrong or should feel guilty are a definite reason to worry."

7. You don't share any core values or life goals. It doesn't matter how much you love each other, if you and your significant other aren't on the same page when it comes to values or life goals, then things will be rocky. Couples who share many of these things are happier and have stronger relationships than couples who do not.

8. They are stingy with appreciation. Feelings of appreciation keep a relationship strong and running smoothly. One of the things I have noticed between a very close friend of mine and his fiancée is that no matter how many times he has done some run of the mill chore or small favor, she always remembers to take notice and share her appreciation. If your girlfriend or boyfriend rarely notices and thanks you for the nice things you do, such stinginess will eventually run your ship of love onto the rocks.

Now, sometimes it can take a few months for these signs to become clear which is why it is important to take romantic relationships nice and slow. Even then, if one or more of these red flags show up, that doesn't mean the relationship is doomed. If the two of you are happy together, then why should you stop seeing each other?

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of a man in love with a man named "Monica," whose love heals him, yet destroys him: he is caught in a contradictory relationship, yet has no real desire to escape: "You'd lift me up, you hired me. / You'd light my day, you fired me. / But then you stole the sun, divid-

ed me. / Now the day is done, united me."

Later comes the incredibly funky "Wombat," a surefire fan favorite. The song is silly, with seemingly nonsensical lyrics sung quickly by drummer Jon Fishman. The band's vocal talents as well as instrumental abilities are prominently featured, from Page's funky Clavinet playing to bassist Mike Gordon's distinctive, fluid bass style.

"Wombat" is one of the songs from "Wingsuit" that will definitely stick around, and will continue to evolve each time it's played. This song is yet another one of my favorite tracks, and I greatly look forward to hearing its recorded form.

The great, inspired "Wombat" is followed up by the unfortunately lackluster "Snow." "Snow" definitely needs work; I can't imagine this song being featured on the finished version of "Wingsuit," or ever being played again, for that matter.

This song would work much better as an instrumental—the acoustic arrangements are gorgeous, but the lyrics leave something to be desired. As an instrumental, "Snow" would be a welcome addition to Phish's small number of purely instrumental tracks.

The album then picks right back up with another stunning tune, "Devotion to a Dream." This is one of the best songs I have heard in awhile—it is quintessential 2000s Phish; it sounds like it could've been put on Joy, but is eons ahead of anything on Joy (even though Joy is a great album in its own right).

This is one of the most emotionally honest and raw songs on "Wingsuit," which is why it appeals so much to me. It's all about opening yourself up to others, being honest with who you are, and coming to terms with yourself.

One of the reasons why Phish is my favorite band is because they can balance the silly with the serious, and this song proves that Phish is not just a "nonsensical jam band."

The album ends with "You Never Know," a very tongue-in-cheek song about a man that worked for Phish that stole \$5 million from them.

Despite its various bumps ("Snow" and "Amidst The Pearls of Laughter"), the version of "Wingsuit" played on Halloween is fantastic, and I cannot wait for the finalized version to be released!

**Sports
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conducted like in "League of Denial," more parents will second guess the decision to allow their kids to participate in football.

Major League Baseball's problem with performance enhancing drugs seems minuscule by comparison as football's crisis lives within youth athletics through the professional level.

The state of America's game lies in the hands of those in the NFL offices to figure out a solution pertaining to player safety, without altering the nature of the competition. This uphill battle may be a challenge the league and football might not be able to win.

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backs and walk offs, the Red Sox displayed the true grit of its people and put together an MLB best record of 97-65, propelling them into the post season with a lot of momentum.

Boston, Massachusetts is not a city where people roll over. There has been a history of fighting back to prove it. Look at the Boston tea party or the massacre. The Sox never gave up, and the citizens of Boston responded to the attacks with pride and patriotism.

In the playoffs, Boston handled the Tampa Bay Rays and played a stingy six game series with the Detroit Tigers before meeting up with St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series.

With a convincing 8-1 win in game one, Boston dropped the next two games with a controversial obstruction call coming in game three.

Despite David Ortiz having a dream start line in the World Series, the rest of the team was struggling. The Red Sox had their back against the wall down two games to one, with two more games to play in St. Louis.

Although destiny continued to show that it was in favor of the Red Sox, who play with a resilient never say die attitude, Boston took the next three games and won at Fenway for the first time in 95 years.

This team was too invested in this season not to win; so much was on the line. Not just for the organization or the fans, but the people of Boston.

Die hard fans, pink hats and even those uninterested in the sport alike, Boston winning, going from last place in 2012 to the very best in 2013; it symbolizes Boston. Simply put, the people deserve it. We deserve it.

Horoscopes Games & Leisure

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

You must remember a time in your life when you had everything together. Try to figure out what was going so well then, and emulate it in your life today. Perhaps you won't be in so much debt this way.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

There will come a day where you see music on MTV, it's clear, you'll get a full cell phone signal, Boston will dominate sports, and you'll be able to lounge about. It'll be a good day; you won't even have to use handheld automatic tools of various natures.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

There is magic in the air and you are it. You are an enchantment to whatever you touch, and people should feel lucky to be around you. Walk proudly wherever you go this week.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

There is a sun setting in your life, but that only means you have to toughen up. The night can be very long, though and there is always the chance that something could happen in the middle of the night before the dawn. You'll probably be all right, though.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

It would be well noted to know this week that the human body can only eat so many ramen noodles until there are adverse health effects. Yes, they are cheap. They are also not all that great for you.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

An adventure would suit you well and expand your horizons. You should pack your bags, go on a trip into the wilderness, and leave your world behind. You aren't afraid of mountain lions, right?

Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

Write a letter to the stars

telling them everything about you. You can trust them and infuse them with every personality trait you could ever want them to have. Your secret is safe with them (except Alpha Centauri, she is such a gossip).

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

This week will carry on as usual. There is no way the stars are trying to follow you around and listen to every conversation you have so as to figure out your personality and therefore be better able to give you advice about your life. That would be too much effort.

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

Your eyes will wander to new things and people, and you should let them. No one should notice, and your eyes can't do that much damage to you, can they? Note that if your eyes shoot laser beams, this horoscope does not apply to you.

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

If you are a wizard, it might be best to not cast any spells on pigs this week. The stars suggest that you might need to keep your pork reserves high in case of an oncoming blight from the forces of darkness. Also, you might want to start looking at real estate again.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

The stars do not know what you want, so you have to tell them. Also, they can't help you find true love; that is all on you. They can tell you what to do if you want an average life, however.

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(Feb. 20 - March 20)

If you draw any lines this week, you need to be prepared to not let people cross them. The people who you let walk all over you this week will continue to do so for a long time.

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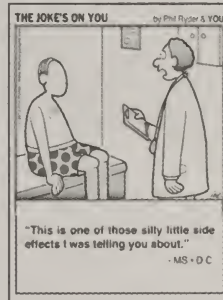
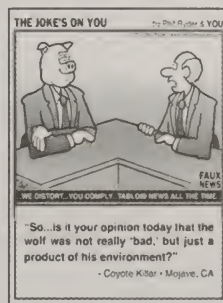
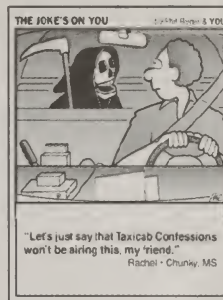
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Evan Dobelle retires from Westfield State presidency amidst controversy

Matthew Carlin

Asst. Managing Editor

On Nov. 8, Evan Dobelle retired from his position as president of Westfield State University.

Dobelle's attorney, Ross Garber, made the announcement to the news media late in the afternoon last Friday, which means that Dobelle will be ceasing all efforts to fight for his \$240,000-a-year position here at Westfield State.

Following the announcement, Dobelle sent a letter of resignation to the Board of Trustees, against whom he just recently began a legal suit, stating he was leaving his position "...for the benefit of the students, faculty, and a decidedly bright future."

This decision will end the months long battle between Dobelle and the opposition who called into question his spending of university funding. It seems like a quiet end to the battle that has kept a strangle hold on campus politics for weeks.

Dobelle did not go down without commenting on the situation he was in. He comments that it was not his choice, but a choice from "the

University's actions and failure to abide by the terms of my contract."

It was voted unanimously that Dobelle be put on administrative leave till Nov. 25, where the results of the investigation would have been concluded and proper action taken. However, the administrative leave that the board of trustees placed Dobelle on was not taken too kindly by the former president of Westfield State University saying, "administrative leave" on which I am currently placed, is not permitted by my contract and has the effect of making it impossible for me to do my job." Dobelle criticized the board for the failure to maintain respect for his contract and still feels very strongly about the matter.

He appreciates that his last five years have seen many initiatives taken on behalf of the university. They have created successful connections by which Westfield can now expand its ever-improving curriculum.

Following the circulation of the news, Dr. Elizabeth Preston, acting president, sent out a student and faculty-wide email confirming the news and withholding

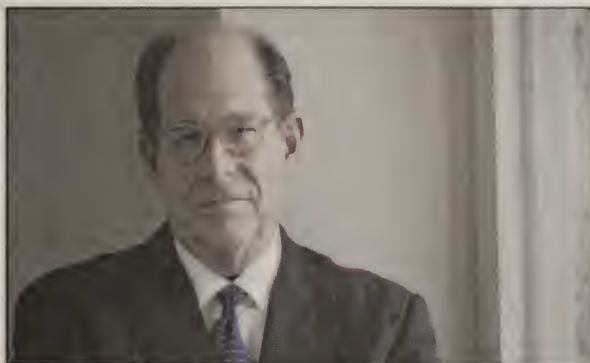


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Evan Dobelle retired after twenty-five years in higher education. His retirement came out of his latest controversy.

any comment regarding the series of events. She did add that in the coming weeks the boards of trustees will be announcing and conducting a search for a new president. She suggested that students should expect to continue on with their learning experiences like they set out to do at the beginning of the year.

Dobelle's departure marks the nineteenth president to come to Westfield State; a remarkable number considering the University has only been around for 175 years.

Dobelle's tenure shied the informal tradition of the six-year presidency that most

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UNIV. OF MASS., AMHERST
A UMass professor recently discovered the earliest known galaxy. This discovery was made during a survey made from the Hubble Telescope.

Springfield Student,
SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE
The Women's Volleyball team sealed the NEWMAC championship with their 3-2 victory over Wellesley College. This is the second time in three years that the team won the championship.

The Harvard Crimson
HARVARD UNIVERSITY
The multimillion dollar fortune that the late novelist Gore Vidal left to Harvard is being challenged by his half-sister. The lawyer for Vidal's will executor says the lawsuit has no merit.

The Daily Campus,
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
A thank-you event was held in the Student Union. The cards and letters sent to UConn donors were meant to thank them for all of their contributions to the university.

The Daily Orange,
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
Former political science professor Edward McClellan passed away Wednesday. He was 77. McClellan was known for his contributions to moral philosophy and game theory. He retired earlier this year but was with the university since 2003. He left behind a wife and two sons.

Commencement to be held on a Saturday

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

This year's Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at the MassMutual Center.

Acting President Liz Preston made the difficult decision after considering all of the opinions held on the matter.

Commencement has been a topic of debate on this campus since the class of 2012 had their ceremony off-campus at the MassMutual Center. This was the first off-campus Commencement in several years and the decision was made due to the beginning of the construction on University Hall.

Many students were not in favor of having their final college experience held in a city that many of them had never actually been to.

Faculty and administration contended that the ceremony was a better experience because all of the spectators could see and hear the people on stage, but putting the event on was messy because it was their first at the MassMutual Center and they were rushed to get everything together after two other ceremonies.

The class of 2013 held their ceremony at the Center too, but on a Friday, which was also controver-

sial.

This time, students were disappointed because their parents and other loved ones had to take the day off from work or miss other engagements in order to attend the ceremony.

Faculty and administration felt that Friday was much smoother because the Westfield State ceremony was the only one scheduled for that day so they could arrive early and stay late.

The class of 2013 also had the option to hang around the hall and take photos with professors, other students, or their families.

Saturday in limbo

In order to book the MassMutual Center for Saturday, Westfield State has to enter into a lottery with other local colleges and universities that use that space.

Typically, the Commencement Committee, which does the planning of the event, will not know if they got the Saturday date until a year before the ceremony takes place.

This poses a problem for the registrar, John Ohotnick. He sets the academic calendar, which previously was not a problem due to Commencement always being held on the Saturday before Memorial Day. When the ceremony was held on a



PHOTO BY DAVE FRIED/SLUGMUG.COM

Commencement 2014 will be held on Saturday, May 17 at the MassMutual Center.

Friday for the class of 2013, the Academic Policies Committee approved a change to the academic calendar.

This year, the item was brought to the attention of the Academic Policies Committee again. They approved the date change as they had done last year, but the All-University Committee, the highest governance committee at the university, voted against it.

In the rationale sent to AUC, the co-chairs of APC, Corinne Ebbs and Janet Gebelt, wrote that the committee voted almost unanimously to make the calendar change.

The change would remove a reading day and make subtle alterations to the finals schedule.

The committee was very thorough in explaining their position.

"So long as we are hold-

ing graduation... on Saturday afternoon, it is going to feel rushed and disorganized," said the co-chairs in the report, "This is an important day... and it should be a pleasant, positive experience."

They acknowledged the concerns raised by all factions of campus about the reading day loss and faculty grading days, among others.

In what took a couple of meetings, the AUC voted 11-2 to keep the schedule the way it was. In a letter to Acting President Preston, AUC chair Ted Welsh warned that holding Commencement on a Friday for the second year in a row "would establish a precedent."

"We feel strongly that we need to facilitate a broad campus dialogue to thoughtfully address the larger questions of commencement timing and location rather than let shorter-term considerations dictate our traditions," said Welsh.

In the Oct. 15 meeting of the Student Government Association, Commencement was the topic of discussion during the president's report.

Many of the senators agreed with the decision to hold the ceremony at the

Corrections to last week's issue of The Westfield Voice

In the right side article on the opinions and editorials lead page, entitled "Anonymous aims at defending humanity by peacefully protesting," the year of the group's founding was inaccurate. It said this year but it should have said 2003. This was due to an editorial oversight.

If there are any mistakes or typographical errors, please send them to Matthew Carlin, assistant managing editor, at mearlin6141@westfield.ma.edu. They will be run next week.

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Curt Robie talks with SGA about future on-campus construction

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

The Student Government Association held their productive hour long meeting last Tuesday with a basic agenda.

Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, took the podium to introduce her guest speaker Dr. Curt Robie, assistant vice president of facilities and operations. Dr. Robie addressed the senators and began his talk on the new science building being built on campus attached to Wilson Hall.

Dr. Robie has been talking to the SGA for over 40 years and even recalled first talking to the Senate as a student in 1970. He first stated that, besides the media's outlook over the stranglehold on the funding for the project, they are actively working to start building the science center by the fall semester in 2016.

The new science building is being built as an addition to Wilson Hall on the left side; this will allow students easy access between the two buildings and also add new entrances to them. The size is roughly 52-54,000 square feet of space and approximately three stories high.

"It's going to create sort of a new academic quad," says Robie. This new project alongside Wilson and Bates Hall will be behind the grass area near public safety, making it a true connected hub of academic activities.

Robie showed the senators slides of what the interior and exterior would look like when finished but said these models are not etched in stone. He also said that the new building itself won't take up any spaces in the commuter lot, but during construction a few spaces will be impacted because of the project's

staging area.

He said next that this capital project has two phases, which are backed up by funding. The first phase, which includes the new annex, will cost around \$50 million. The second phase is \$60-65 million and the school doesn't have the money for this phase yet. Dr. Robie said that his department is asking the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and other universities to file a higher education capital bond bill to acquire the funds.

Other projects include the additions of air conditioning units to Bates and Parenzo Hall by the fall of 2014 and the renovations to Juniper Park Elementary School. These renovations will make so it could be brought back to full use in 2015.

Luis Arzola, president of the commuter council, asked Dr. Robie what problems there will be for the commuter lot and if there were alternate solutions to the issues. Robie said that they have not worked out that. Since a general contractor has not been hired yet, they do not know how much space construction will take up.

Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2015, asked if will there be a fee that students will have to pay on top of their tuition to help fund the new science center. The fee will start in 2017 at about \$150, stated Robie.

Overall, the SGA is excited about the new building and has high hopes for the students to take advantage of it.

After Robie was finished, Fote reclaimed the podium and accepted the resignation of Ashley Dow Romano as president of Dickinson Hall. She then motioned Alex Doming as Dickinson Hall president, which passed unanimous-

ly.

Fote also gave congratulations to Adam Lamontagne, representative-at-large, for winning his election to the Chicopee City Council.

After the madam president was done, Rebecca DiVico, vice president of student life, gave a brief report on how much money each hall made for the turkey drive that benefits the Salvation Army. Parenzo raised \$42.60, Mod Hall \$40, Bates Hall \$80, Ely Hall \$27.27, Courtney \$68.25 and Dickinson with the highest amount of \$142.93. That gives the SGA a total of \$401.90 so far.

Joshua Clark, representative-at-large, gave his All-University Committee report. The committee sent seven items to the curriculum committee and reviewed two policies regarding academic honesty and classroom student conduct, which were brought to them by the Academic Policies Committee.

The All-University Committee approved the classroom student conduct policy unanimously.

Olivia Dumas, spokeswoman for the Food Services Committee, announced that the committee is getting rid of the soft serve drink root beer and replacing it with Sobe water.

Steven Mailloux, representative-at-large, asked what sparked the decision and said, "Just because you can make something healthier, doesn't necessarily mean you should... I don't know when you guys decided to become health moral police on campus."

Tom Durkee, class of 2014 representative and chairman of the Food Services Committee, added that a study last year showed that most college

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1. Where is your favorite place to hang out on campus when not in class? Why?

In the stacks; it's nice and quiet, so I like to do homework there.

2. What has been your favorite class here at Westfield State? Why?

Western Experience I, just because of the interest I hold for the ancient Greeks and their culture.

3. Your most recent "weird dream" was...? (Keep it clean!)

Replace this question with a different question.

4. Favorite television show to watch and why?

Scrubs, due to enjoyable mixture of comic and serious tones.

5. Where do you realistically see yourself in five years after college? Be as specific but brief as possible.

Graduate school, being in a lot of debt.

6. If money were no concern, briefly describe your dream vacation?

Greece, stand near the Parthenon and take in their culture.

7. Most important non-physical attribute in deciding to enter a relationship with a man or woman (i.e. humor, honesty, sincerity, wealth, intelligence, etc.)?

Intelligence and honesty.

Shirley Acquah of Communications is more than just a professor

Marissa Crandell

Voice Contributor

On university campuses, students may see professors merely as information transmission when it comes to subject matter. I didn't see Shirley Acquah that way, so I thought it would be nothing but beneficial to learn more about my new communications professor.

I had taken one of Shirley's courses last semester and I only knew very little about her: she emigrated from Ghana, Africa to the United States and she loves shopping at T.J. Maxx. I wanted to learn more about her experiences that brought her here to the United States, and what she left behind in Ghana.

Shirley moved to the United States in 2003 to finish her schooling. She earned her undergraduate degree in Ghana and then attended Ohio University, where she earned her masters and PhD.

"She has an inspirational, personal dedication to education and her work," says Madeleine Cahill, a Westfield State communications professor.

Cahill, who has worked in the same department as Shirley the past year and a

half states that she is constantly humbled by the experiences she has been through to earn an education, something that she feels she had taken for granted while growing up.

Because Shirley came here on her own, she had to leave her husband behind, but she states that he visits there for special occasions.

She explains that it took her one school year of being in the United States to finally get accustomed to the culture. One aspect that she remembers is getting used to calling certain individuals by their first names.

"In my home country, you would call your professor by their titles... that was something I had to get used to" says Shirley. Even though she spoke English before immigrating to the United States, learning the language here was also a challenge. "I had to make sure I listened well due to the fact that people spoke faster than what I was used to" she states.

Next step in Shirley Acquah's journey was venturing to Westfield State University. Even though she had finished her schooling in the United States, she wanted to get work experience before moving

back home to Ghana. Westfield State was the opportunity that caught her attention because of its values, mission statement, and most importantly, class sizes.

"The classes are small compared to where I was [Ohio University]. There were about 20,000 people and this was 5,000+, and I felt that it was a place I would like," Shirley says.

Cahill also noted that Westfield State's class sizes are one of the most important things about this university: "Smaller classes are a cornerstone to great education."

When asked if Shirley's ethnic background influences her teaching styles, she expressed that everyone's background influences how they function: "Who we are is influenced by where we come from."

Even though Shirley understands when it is appropriate to incorporate your background into the subject, she has been faced with challenges that are out of her control, her accent being the main one.

"At first I felt a little uncomfortable, but now I understand that we all have accents from where we find ourselves," she says.

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From 'The Voice' Vault

Faculty member to be arraigned Dec. 4

This article was published in the November 20, 1989 issue of The Westfield State Owl.

Denise Penna

Heather MacIsaac

Owl Editors

"A member of the faculty is under investigation and about to be arraigned in Westfield for alleged activities related to 'pornographic materials,'" according to Dr. William Lopes, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

The office of Academic Af-

fairs issued the statement last Wednesday stating that, "professor Weston A. Dyer has requested and been placed on extended earned sick leave, and the college has made arrangements to cover his classes. The college will have no other comment since this matter is under review by the appropriate authorities."

Lopes said that as of Nov. 14, "there has been no evidence presented that anyone at Westfield State college has been involved other than the professor in question," adding, "to the

best of my knowledge, there are no students involved."

According to District Attorney Paul Finnerty, an arraignment is scheduled for Dec. 4 in Westfield. Finnerty said that releasing information right now would be premature because details are not a matter of public record until after the arraignment.

Jeremiah Marron, senior Chief of Police in Granby, Dyer's hometown, said, "There is no news to report," last Thursday, Nov. 16.

Lopes said, "the college ad-

ministration is reviewing its options once he is actually arrested and arraigned."

Dyer is a professor in the Political Science department. His classes are being covered by Springfield Attorney Allen Sisistky, Mark Hagobian, and David Street.

Attorney Sisistky is teaching Civil Liberties and one section of American National Government, Hagobian is teaching American National Government, and Street is covering the Comparative Judicial Systems course.

Conflicts develop between a few staff and administration

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Matthew Bernat

Voice Reporter

Rising tensions between administration and some faculty members came to a head over this year's Diversity Day held Wednesday, November 13. Trouble arose after Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs Robert Martin sent an email to department chairs, requiring their attendance at the event.

The email said, "Other than those who will be teaching, we expect all other faculty to attend the afternoon's event, and the attendance records should reflect if someone has not attended without reasonable excuse."

Professor Gerald Tetrault of the philosophy department, having read the email, attended a meeting of the department chairs to voice his concerns over what that meant for the faculty. Tetrault has been teaching for a total of 38 years, and has been at Westfield since 1967.

Tetrault also serves as the union's Chapter President. He had this to say about keynote speaker Dr. Maura J. Cullen's presentation:

"Although entertaining, the lecture was superficial because it raised good issues but never asked or pursued the hard questions. This 'feel good' event

was clearly directed at students and was obviously a Residential Life production. It is insufficient to move our community from mere tolerance to mutual understanding and respect. A day's worth of diversity does not a lifetime make."

At the meeting, Tetrault said he asked what the consequences would be if a faculty member did not attend Diversity Day. Tetrault said he also wrote a letter to the campus community at large, grieving the attendance requirement.

Martin and Vice president of Academic Affairs William Lopes responded with a letter of their own over the concern that "has been expressed about our proposed plan to require attendance as the Nov. 13 workshops on diversity."

The letter stated, "The attendance at college activities, such as the opening semester meetings and Commencement, should be a cause of shame to every member of this faculty and administration."

The letter also addressed the email that was sent to the department heads:

"We used the phrase 'reasonable excuse' and, as always, expect professionalism and common sense in its application. This was no different from what we have done on other occasions."

Martin and Lopes did acknowledge that they did not wish to see this issue ruin a otherwise "positive event."

They concluded, "For this event, we have decided that each faculty member will decide for her or himself whether

to cancel classes scheduled for that afternoon."

Shortly after this letter was written, another letter appeared in the Campus Voice from the SGA executive Board.

The letter was not a direct response to Tetrault's actions, affirming that the "intent of the letter was to showcase a lower battle between individual members of the faculty and administration."

The Executive Board also deemed Tetrault's actions "childish." The student senate was not consulted when the letter was written and submitted. SGA President Rhiannon D'Angelo could not be reached for comment by the time of publication.

"I suspect that the letter was inspired by someone in Residential Life; its content is typical of people who are powerless and yet want to believe they have power: a good example of Nietzsche's slave morality," Tetrault said.

Tetrault also added, "SGA is a tool of Residential Life."

He said, "I am amazed and pleased that the SGA exec Board has finally taken a stand, even if it is against me. In previous years, the SGA has been locked in the paralysis of neutrality in faculty/management disputes. Good going, SGA."

Diversity Day was well attended by faculty and students and considered a success by the college.

The controversy that the faculty experienced was an example of "the atmosphere of mistrust" that quietly

pervades the campus, said Tetrault. He spoke about how the attendance requirement came as "slap in the face" to faculty.

"One way to solve the problem is to require attendance, but even management considers this unseemly. A better way is to cultivate an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding among students, faculty and management. President Woodward and I plan to meet several times in order to do just that. I look forward to his cooperation," said Tetrault.

"The two previous in-house forums (diversity 101, 102) were much more successful in penetrating issues and attitudes. We need another of these, perhaps Diversity 103."

Tetrault said, "I asked Vice President Martin if absence without a 'reasonable excuse' would result in a letter to be placed in the offender's personal file. 'No,' he said. I then asked if the same offense would constitute insubordination, for which the offender could be fired. 'No,' he said."

"Finally, I said, 'Were I to write you a letter stating that I had no reasonable excuse and do not intend to attend this event, what would you do?' 'You would be docked half a day's pay,' he said."

Tetrault said, he was then scolded by Martin and Lopes for not giving advance notice before attending the meeting.

"Interestingly, the faculty that did participate did not receive any credit in management's newsletter, 'In Brief,'" said Tetrault.



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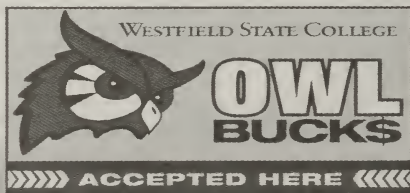
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The Conservative View: Senator Elizabeth Warren, finally something to talk about!

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Voice Columnist

I will just come out and say it; I am a Scott Brown supporter. Why is this relevant now?

Well, Tuesday, Nov. 14 Elizabeth Warren has finally done something that makes her newsworthy! (No she's not 1/38th of another minority.)

Warren spoke to two groups on Capitol Hill, the Americans for Financial Reform and the Roosevelt Institute, both of which have very liberal stances on economic issues.

Warren warned these groups that there are still banks that are "too big to fail," and that "the last thing we should do is wait for more crises."

Senator Warren has called for increased and stricter regulation on bank-

ing institutions. In light of the Roosevelt Institute, a few acts come into mind that seem very similar to what Warren would like. The first is the Glass-Steagall Act, which was enacted in 1933 to restrict the role of certain financial institutions during the Great Depression.

It appears that Warren wishes to revise this eighty-year old legislation and modernize it to give the government more control of the banking industry.

I won't go into detail about how conservative I am against this sort of thinking; the idea that the Obama administration could have a bigger say in the financial world is truly frightening. Seeing as neither he nor his administration have a basic idea of business or economic principles.

As a founding member of the Consumer

Financial Protection Bureau, Senator Warren advocated for the Dodd-Frank financial reform law.

However, she has clearly expressed a desire to strengthen the bill and allow for tougher restrictions.

This would be the "new" Glass-Steagall act, and would reinstate many of the depression era "protections" that the old act included.

In her defense, she stated, "It would reduce 'too big' by dismantling the behemoths, so that big banks would still be big – but not too big to fail or, for that matter, too big to manage, too big to regulate, too big for trial, or too big for jail."

Now, what is this term "too big to fail"? The term was coined five-years ago when the financial crisis struck the nation. It describes a business that has become so big, so powerful, and

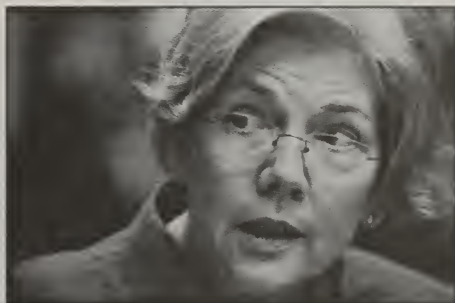


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Senator Warren has become a watchdog over the banking system in this country. She is leading an effort to bring back the Glass-Steagall Act.

so influential that it cannot possibly fail. That is, the government won't let it fail. I find the term to be too barbaric for my lips.

However, I will state that there is some truth in the aggression towards these so-called businesses. If a business finds itself failing, economically speaking it has two options: shutdown or exit.

If the business cannot exit the market freely, then it must shutdown to maintain long-term profitabil-

ity, just like every other business. However, the government prevents these businesses from downsizing or shutdown due to the "catastrophic" effect it would have on the economy.

In the end the government failed to maintain a perfectly competitive market and has now made us suffer for it.

Though I must say, I am glad Elizabeth Warren has finally made some sort of work effort since she took office.

From the Editor's Desk

President Dobelle's resignation was welcome news to me this past week. This nightmare of a controversy is now over (sort of).

Many people on this campus have been breathing a sigh of relief at the cooling that is now occurring due to the spotlight being taken off of us.

A scandal such as this has the power to divide campuses into factions, fighting with each other over who is really at fault in this.

There are several groups who can be put to blame over this whole situation.

The first party is President Dobelle himself. This is a no-brainer. If the expenses were never incurred, we would not be talking about this right now.

The second party is the board of trustees for not keeping their mouths shut and presenting this whole issue to the press.

I understand the whole "this is a public school and everything we do is public," but for God's sake, this whole scandal got blown out of proportion because the media got ahold of the story before it reached its maturity.

When a story is grabbed before its maturity, it is very easily molded into whatever the reporting body wants it to be. The facts get twisted, parties involved get influenced, and there is a very strong possibility of the worst-case scenario playing out - someone resigning.

The third party is the media. I swear, I have never read such good fiction in my entire life.

What The Boston Globe and other newspapers did to this story, I only wish I could do for the fiction piece I submit to Persona.

I am not trying to cover the fact that there were gross miscalculations and errors in the accounting of Dobelle's expenses, or that he was right in spending university and foundation money for personal expenses, but I feel like he was attached to a hot hook and dragged through campus!

My editorial staff and I have gotten a multitude of compliments from professors on both sides of this issue for our objectivity during this whole debacle.

Why couldn't The Boston Globe,

The Republican, The Daily Hampshire Gazette, or any other news outlet reporting this do the same?

Print sales. You cannot sell newspapers with the boring facts of the story; that would be preposterous. I do not have to worry about sales of our paper because it is free, but apparently, in order to sell copies, you have to lie in your reporting of the stories.

This is the only way. After the Sept. 20 article entitled, "Staff member, groups rebut account of fundraising trip," appeared in The Globe, I stopped buying that newspaper because that represented yellow journalism more than anything I have ever studied in my classes.

The article discussed the trip that Dobelle and a staff assistant took to San Francisco to corral fundraisers into sending money our way.

The article accused Dobelle of sending the assistant into the offices of these donors to drop off a packet of info about the school while he waited in the car.

It then includes interviews from "representatives" from the individual foundations that were visited.

There does not appear to have been a deliberate attempt on the part of the writers of this article to contact the people whom Dobelle and his assistant would have talked to.

The statements of attribution on the quotations show that they spoke to spokesmen, "a person familiar," or an administrator.

A spokesman would not know all of the details surrounding an organization. Simply saying that there is "no record of a Westfield State proposal in our database" is a cop-out.

"A person familiar" speaks for itself. That is not specific enough for me.

The administrator is closer to the person a journalist would want to talk to, but it seems to me that they would not know all of the proposals that are being brought to their foundation, only the good ones that are on their way to being approved.

In my view, that article alone has enough sensationalism to sell a generation worth of newspapers.

I could not write enough about how the media ran away with this story and did not give it back.

The trustees should have predicted this would have happened and waited until something substantive occurred before going to the media, including us.

The fourth party responsible for this mess is most certainly the state. Once the administrators in Boston heard about this debacle, it seems like they could not nail Dobelle to the proverbial cross fast enough.

There is no reason why the commissioner of higher education should have ever gotten involved. Same with any of the state officials who stuck their fingers so far into this pie that they cut their fingers on the metal tin the pie sat in.

I suspect Nov. 25 will be the most anti-climatic event of this whole storyline. Dobelle retiring out of thin air flipped the scripts on all of us. But the man was soiling his name and the reputation he worked hard all of these years to build.

Plus, I am sure the lawyers, crisis public relations firm, and the other expenses were getting pretty high.

This is why, I am sure, Ross Garber kindly sent his bill to Westfield instead of Pittsfield to Dobelle, where it belongs.

If the school pays for Garber's services, I will have lost all faith in this university.

On a personal note

Last Saturday, my sister's high school volleyball team, the Chicopee Comp Colts, played against the Longmeadow Lancers in the Western Mass finals. Unfortunately, they lost 3-0. It was a tough game.

After the game, all of the girls gathered their belongings while crying, hugging each other, or sitting in silence trying to make sense of it all.

For Ashleigh, it was more than that. She was frustrated, sad, and stunned at how easily her team went down in defeat. Immediately, she started sobbing. I turned around and saw her on the sideline; I started to tear up.

I never played a sport in high school that came close to Western Mass finals. But watching my sis-

ter's volleyball career unfold from sophomore year, expand junior year, and explode senior year, I felt the pain she was going through coming so close but yet so far.

I went over to the bench, where my mom and some of her friends were trying to console her.

At that moment, I just stood there trying to find the words to convince her that this was just a game.

A teacher of hers put it best: truthfully, there are plenty of girls on the team whose career ended last Saturday. My sister's most definitely has a whole new chapter left to it: college.

My sister and I have always been close. Our parents divorced when I was nine and she was five. When you have divorced parents, your relationship with a sibling tends to get stronger because they are the only other person who is going through the same thing that you are.

While I might not be able to articulate it in audible words all the time, I love my sister very much and was very upset to see her so upset.

All through out the times that my sister and I would be going to school together, she was always "Josh Clark's sister." I was always involved in student council, the yearbook, and other extracurricular activities.

All of the people who came over to console my sister and reaffirm all of the things that I already knew or thought about her made me proud to be "Ashleigh Clark's brother."

There are many upsides to being editor-in-chief of this newspaper, but the hectic production schedule is not one of them.

I missed out on many volleyball games this season and I am disappointed about that.

I only hope that the basketball schedule will be more conducive to allowing me to see my sister avenge Saturday's loss.



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Veteran's Day puts senior year into perspective

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Coming home this Veterans Day weekend was bittersweet. As a senior, I am both happy and sad that this will be my last year here at Westfield State University. The memories I have made at Westfield will stick with me forever.

While home, I took time to reflect on the fall semester of 2010, back when I was a freshman.

I remember being naïve and very insecure in my own skin. I thought about Westfield and how it

has made me so much more confident, successful, and an overall better individual.

Three or four years ago, I remember sitting at home and stressing over my Western Experience II homework.

This past weekend, there was no stressing, just a big smile on my face. I remember being so afraid to go back to school after the three-day weekend, and now I can't wait to come back to my second home.

Every senior now, knows what I am talking about. Sit-

ting on my couch, I thought about how I used to spend every waking moment in the Ely library, just doing homework forever. Things are very different now, doing my work with ease in my cozy apartment.

Eating at the DC is no worry now. Back then, panicking was a thing when it came down to finding someone to go to the DC with.

I understand now that going to eat alone isn't as big of a crime as I thought.

Even my friend circle has changed. My bubble from

my freshman "hall mates" has expanded greatly, meeting many amazing individuals that I hope to keep in touch with for a very long time. I am no longer seeing unfamiliar faces surrounded about me, instead I wave my hand to many friendly faces as I walk to Wilson.

Many thoughts about entering into the real world come across my mind these days, and I am both scared and anxious to go out and find a professional job.

I find myself to be more "grown up,"

making appointments with the career center, and focusing on what I want to do once I graduate. It is hard to think of myself as an adult sometimes, but I do owe it all to these last four years.

I still catch myself looking at my student I.D. card, asking myself "is that really me?" I know it is the same me, but so much more complex thanks to Westfield State University.

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First-year learns lessons from experiences

Emily Hendrickson

Voice Reporter

Students often come to college holding onto relationships from home. After a while at college, you start to realize just how different the life is there than it is at home.

It is really hard not seeing your family and friends for extended amounts of time. Especially the friends who have helped you become who you are today.

You start off at college calling old friends every night, and constantly talking to your boyfriend from home.

But, long distance relationships can only last for so long. Eventually you realize that you want to move forward in life and meet new people.

After dating my boyfriend from home for two months, this is exactly what I did.

I decided that it was time for a change, and it positively altered my outlook on life. It was the best thing I have ever done for myself.

When you're in a long distance relationship, it feels like you're living in two different worlds. That feeling is not for me, and it is not

the progressive mind state that college demands from you.

College is a time for developing who you are, discovering what you want to do, and meeting new people. You cannot truly experience college when you are still holding onto certain things in the past.

You have to think about yourself sometimes, and what will truly make you happy in the long run.

Just remember, being independent is being free, and this is a path to happiness.

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Gentlemen's Weekly: How larger men can get the right fit out of their favorite shirt

Josh Minardi
Voice Columnist

Fashion, like any other industry, has its share of gimmicks, and in my opinion, no one gets treated to more "miracle products" or "life-changing purchases" than us larger men. You can forget most of that crap. Just like with all other fashion gimmicks, it isn't effective and is creating a problem where there isn't one.

Dressing well is about presenting your body in the best and most flattering way possible (without distorting or altering the body itself). Anyone who knows me knows that I am a large man. I have no issues admitting it. Nor do I have any issues admitting that it isn't all muscle. To this end, I've put together some advice to help my fellow large men look good. Whether you're round-bellied, broad-shouldered, big-bottomed, or all three at once, you can look comfortable, stylish, and smooth with a little savvy dressing.

Now, you don't need to tell me what the general and unfounded assumptions are about larger men: fat, sloppy, lazy, etc. As unfair as these judgments are, they are the reality in our society. That being said, if your weight isn't there for a reason, you owe it to yourself to shed the pounds for the health benefits (something that I am succeeding in currently). Yet even if you're like me and are currently undergoing a weight-loss journey, you need to be

able to stylishly dress yourself for the body you have now.

The reason that I have singled out fashion advice for larger men is to try to dispel the negative assumptions about large men that I outlined above.

I will get into specific styles and outfits in a bit, but first there are a few things that should always be kept in mind.

First: fit. It's true for any man and doubly so for large men. The fit of your clothing is its most important quality. On a large man, the extra material will do nothing but draw more attention to your weight while downgrading your overall appearance and the impressions you make. There is also the simple comfort issue here: the better the fit, the more comfortable your clothes will be, which is good for your mood and your appearance. You want the cloth to rest lightly on your body, not hugging it tight and not hanging off your skin with visible folds of extra cloth. The odds of finding something with perfect fit off the rack are pretty low, no matter your size. Simple adjustments are cheap fixes and make generically sized department store clothes into well-fitted garments.

Second is simplicity. You've got a big frame; you've also got an imposing presence. Dress simple, so that it doesn't become an overwhelming effect. Good clothes for large men keep the patterns to a minimum. Broad, solid spaces help compliment your shape. Think about solid color jackets, lightly striped shirts, and so on, rather than anything with busy graphics or

patterns.

Finally, you want something that is light in weight. Thick, heavy clothing will accentuate your size and make you look bulky. The difference between fine wool trousers and a pair of thick denim jeans doesn't sound like much, but when you try the pants on, you realize how significant the upgrade can be. A smooth, light fabric that drapes in clean lines is going to make a large man look and feel better than something chunky.

Now that you know what you're looking for in general, we can talk about a few specific styles. Keep in mind that there will always be exceptions to these guidelines. But, for the most part there are certain kinds of clothing we can describe as good or bad for large men. And yes, there are one or two styles that are just plain disastrous.

Good clothes for large men are ones that give a clear, clean, defined shape to the body. That puts suits, blazers, and sports coats right at the top of the list. These are going to "frame" the body and make it look self-contained. In addition to jackets, smooth slacks (as opposed to jeans) give a nice, clean front, and in colder weather a long overcoat is a great way to make a solid impression with your whole body.

Things can get problematic, however, when clothes become softer and outlines less defined. That means that large men will want to use caution when they are buying things like sweatshirts and sweaters. They can work though; the flat front over the belly can be advantageous, as can

something that covers the waistline of the trouser. Remember, you need a nice, close fit and no wrinkles or bulges.

Athletic wear is a similarly mixed bag: it obviously makes sense if you're working out, but in other settings, it looks a little too shapeless. It's also very informal and can play into the "lazy slob" stereotypes. Try to avoid leaving the house in sweatpants or athletic t-shirts unless it's to hit the gym or go for a jog.

The worst of all possible worlds is anything that combines a saggy fit, low formality, and lots of bare flesh. Steer clear of loose t-shirts, tank tops, and baggy shorts. Those don't look good on anyone and on a heavyset man they're especially unflattering. In general, larger men look best if they stick to long sleeves and trousers, and select dressier styles that add a little class to their overall appearance.

If you're a big guy who's looking to dress a little sharper without breaking the bank on an entirely new wardrobe, I have six simple tips for you to follow. They are all basic upgrades that can add up to a big improvement.

First, switch from belts to suspenders. Belts aren't much use to men with large, round stomachs. Because the shape of the stomach tapers, a circular band is just going to slip right off. It's like trying to fasten a collar around the lower part of a pear or apple. Suspenders avoid the issue entirely, and let the trouser front fall in a smooth drape instead of bunching at the top. A habit of wearing suspenders also keeps the quality of your

pant purchasing up. Most cheap trousers don't come with the proper anchors for suspenders. You can have a tailor put them in for a couple of bucks.

Second, buy dress shirts with spread collars. If you've got a broad face, get a broad collar to go with it. Most brands designate anything with a separation of greater than 90 degrees between the collar points as the spread. Some will be more extreme than others, so find a style you like. Spread collars will help keep your face looking proportional and they will give you the room to tie a big necktie not as well (such as the Full Windsor). You'll want to do that when you're wearing a tie; a big guy with a thin tie and tiny knot looks oafish.

Third, wear a hat. Wearing a hat demonstrates that that you went to more than the minimum effort when you got dressed. That automatically dispels any "fat means lazy" assumptions. You also gain more vertical space, making you look taller which will help "spread" your weight further. To learn more about hats, read my article from a few weeks ago on the Westfield Voice's website.

Fourth, remember to sport well-groomed facial hair. A neatly trimmed beard can really help firm up a soft-faced man's features. A big guy with a neat beard is going to be seen as stylish. A big guy with an unkempt beard is going to be seen as a

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as of Nov. 12, 2013 Top 10 Singles

1. Lorde - Royals
2. Miley Cyrus - Wrecking Ball
3. Eminem - The Monster
4. Katy Perry - Roar
5. Avicii - Wake Me Up
6. One Direction - Story of My Life
7. Drake - Hold On, We're Going Home
8. Imagine Dragons - Demons
9. One Republic - Counting Stars
10. Lady Gaga - Applause

Top 5 Albums

1. Arcade Fire - Reflektor
2. Katy Perry - Prism
3. Kelly Clarkson - Wrapped in Red
4. The Robertsons - Duck The Halls: A Robertson Family Christmas
5. Drake - Nothing Was The Same

Top 5 Movies

1. Thor: The Dark World
2. Bad Grandpa
3. Free Birds
4. Last Vegas
5. Ender's Game

Upcoming DVDs

1. 2 Guns
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5. Jobs

Elton John makes 2nd U.S. stop in New England on Diving Board tour



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J.R. Nieb Voice Contributor

On Saturday, November 9, 2013, singer/songwriter Elton John performed a 27-song set with his band as part of The Diving Board tour at the Dunkin Donuts Center in Providence, Rhode Island – a sold-out concert. It was John's first concert back at the Dunkin Donuts Center since he performed there on March 22, 2007 as part of The Captain and the Kid tour.

This was John's second stop in the United States on his current tour, having previously appeared at the Webster Bank Arena in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The album cover of the album, *Goodbye Yellow*

Brick Road, appeared on the back of John's jacket to honor the album's 40th anniversary.

John was accompanied by his band, which included Nigel Olsson, who has been John's drummer since 1969, Davey Johnstone, who has been John's guitarist since 1972, Matt Bissonette on the bass, John Mahon on the percussion, Kim Bullard on the keyboards, Stjepan Hauser and Luka Sulic on the cellos, and Lisa Stone, Rose Stone, Tata Vega, and Jean Witherspoon on the backing vocals.

John opened the concert with the opening track to the album *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road*, "Funeral for a Friend/Love Lies Bleeding."

John also sang "Bennie

and the Jets," "Candle in the Wind," "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road," and "Saturday Night's Alright For Fighting," which were the four big hits from the same album.

While John was singing "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road," two screens that were above the stage showed a video that showed the major events of John's life as it went down the Yellow Brick Road. At the end of the video, a flower bloomed, and his two sons popped out of the flower.

The other three songs from the *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road* album that he sang were "Grey Seal," "All the Girls Love Alice," and "Your Sister Can't Twist (But She Can Rock & Roll)," the last of which was being performed live for the first time since 1974.

John also sang "Tiny Dancer" and "Levon," which were the big hits from his 1971 album *Madman Across The Water*. John also sang "Holiday Inn," a non-single from the same record.

John sang his big hits, "Rocket Man" and "Mona Lisas and Mad Matters," which appear on his 1972 album, *Honky Chateau*.

While John was singing "Rocket Man," a starry night sky appeared on the screen behind him.

Even though "Mona Lisas and Mad Matters" was not a hit, it is still a popular

song amongst Elton John fans. "Mona Lisas and Mad Hatters" is about New York City and John said that it is one of his all-time favorite songs.

John sang his hits "Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me" and "The Bitch Is Back," which appeared on his 1974 album, *Caribou*. On this occasion he dedicated "Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me" for the late Guy Babylon, his former keyboard player, who died in 2009.

When John sang his #1 hit single, 1975's "Philadelphia Freedom," a picture of an American flag was seen on a screen to represent the fact that the Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia.

John also sang "Someone Saved My Life Tonight" from his 1975 autobiographical album, *Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy*. The song is about his real-life suicide attempt that took place in 1969.

The only three hits from the 1980s that John sang were "I'm Still Standing" and "I Guess That's Why They Call It the Blues" from his 1983 album, *Too Low For Zero*, and "Sad Songs (Say So Much)" from his 1984 album, *Breaking Hearts*.

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Knowing to Cook: Elegance in simplicity

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

I have often found that the simplest things are often the most beautiful. I much prefer a meal that is comprised of four or five ingredients to a meal overloaded with complexity. This is not to say that anyone should ever limit themselves to a minimum amount of ingredients, I just personally enjoy simplicity over extravagance.

Today, however, simplicity is often tossed aside; not just in cooking but in everyday life as well. Our cravings for the latest edition of everything, whether it be a video game or a new Macintosh product, have driven us away from simplicity.

Now, what does this all have to do with food? Food is (in my opinion) the natural basis of living a well-rounded life. Food brings people together and is an element of all cultures across the globe.

The act of cooking a simple meal is an act of love, whether you are cooking it for yourself or for others.

Think of a time when you created a meal with nothing but the ingredients in your cabinets. You didn't go to the store and buy anything fancy, you just used what was at your disposal and cooked it.

On multiple occasions, I have been left at the mercy of my cabinets and nothing more. As I said last week, improvisation is a key to cooking. Luckily, my cabinets are quite stocked.

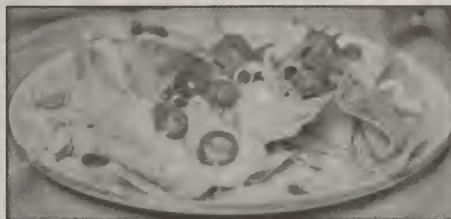
Last weekend my cabi-

nets were kind to me. I had at my disposal tortilla chips, tomatoes, refried beans, cheese, scallions, and olives. With these six ingredients, I created one of my favorite simple meals: nachos!

Now, a large glass baking dish filled with chips, lathered in gooey melted cheese sitting on a counter-top is guaranteed to draw a crowd, but it is rather far from elegance... depending on the way you look at it.

Nachos, while being rather messy to eat, are a perfect example of elegance in simplicity. They are quick to make, require few ingredients, and always look tasty. A meal is judged on the quality of its taste, not on whether or not it looks good, but presentation is a topic for another day.

Buona Tavola!



Nachos

Ingredients:

1 bag restaurant style tortilla chips
1 can refried beans
2 small cans olives
4 small tomatoes
1 bunch of scallions
2 cups shredded Mexican or Cheddar cheese

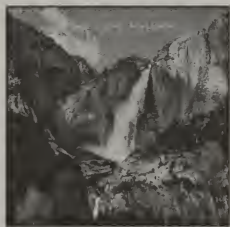
Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Spread half the bag of chips into glass baking dish.
3. Chop tomatoes and scallions.
4. Open olives and drain out the juices.

5. Open refried beans.
6. Layer the ingredients on top of the chips. There should be two layers of chips.
7. Half the ingredients on the bottom layer and the other on top.
8. Sprinkle one cup of cheese on each layer.
9. Bake for 25 minutes in oven.

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Lyndon's Reviews: "Audrye Sessions" exemplifies pop, punk rock and will be enjoyable for most fans of the genre



Lyndon Seitz

A&E Editor

Azure Ray: As Above So Below – Female vocals with a mostly electronic-modified backing music, and it doesn't hold up particularly well. It's not horrible to listen to, but I gained nothing. It is as if she is trying to be Imogen Heap, but she's missing a lot of the spark and creative power that Heap has. I hate to say this, but at times it comes

across as somewhat soulless, as if the emotion has been sucked out of the music. It's nice, but I can't give it a full recommendation. If you like this style of music though, go right ahead.

Aya Larkin: Waking Dream – This is a male artist who likes to go big and go for the high notes while still trying to give off a singer-songwriter vibe on the album. Unfortunately, it comes across most of the time that he is simply try-

ing to do too much on most of these songs, and it comes off as hard to listen to. On some tracks, like "All Time High" and "3 Moments," he makes it work, but overall there is a lack of focus in certain regards that makes it so I can't really recommend this album as a whole.

Austra: Feel It Break – This is a female vocalist singing over some average synth filled music that somewhat fails to impress me. Everything seemed to

blend together, and not in the good way that binds an album together. Instead, I found myself struggling to remember what was actually going on in the album. When I checked back, I found little that was substantial and the vocals reverberated too much for my tastes. It started to give me a headache. You can probably give this one a pass the same way it just passed through my ears.

Audrye Sessions: Audrye Sessions – This is pop punk rock (to a degree), with all of what you would expect and the same amount of theatricality. I will note that compared to a lot of music of this type, this stuff is a tad above the par and fans will enjoy it. The strongest parts start up after the first two tracks (both of them are mediocre).

The tracks "Julianna" and "Relentless" are the strongest, the bass and vocals doing some work far above what I expected. Still, this will not be an album for everyone. In fact, it won't be an album for most people.

Audra Mae & The Almighty Sound: Audra Mae & The Almighty Sound – This album is a lot of fun to listen to. It has that feel of classic rock and roll that you get when listening to the White Stripes or the Rolling Stones. In this though, there are a few more slow songs than you would expect and the blues influences are perhaps even more pronounced (yet still very good). You will probably have more fun with the high-tempo tracks, but there isn't a bad song on the album and I recommend it to almost anyone.

Owls Sports

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THE WESTFIELD VOICE

Volleyball earns 4th NCAA Tournament bid in five years after winning MASCAC

Joey Cooper
Sports Editor

The Westfield State women's volleyball team has earned a bid to the 2013 NCAA Division III women's volleyball championships with a record of 19-14.

The Owls were slated a tough opening round draw, as they will travel to Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y. on Friday, Nov. 15, at 8:00 p.m. to face the Liberty League champions.

With a record of 33-6, the Golden Knights hold the No. 1 seed in the eight-team regional, maintaining a streak of five consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament.

Clarkson enters the Friday night matchup on a 16-game winning streak to earn the top seed where they swept conference play, 12-0. The Knights are a proficient team at home, losing only six games since the 2010 season.

The Lady Knights have found their stride in the second half of the season, losing one

set since Oct. 12. The program has really established itself by winning four of the last five league titles.

Westfield will prove to be a tough matchup for the top seed, as the lady Owls have won eight of their last 10 games down the stretch.

The women have also earned a record of 7-0 at the Woodward Center running through the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) with a record of 6-0.

Seniors Julia Warner and Lindsay Rescott lead the Owls in kills with 341 and 328, respectively. All-conference second-team selection, Junior Carolyn Cote has led the way in the assists tallying an impressive 917 in 2013 alone.

Warner and Rescott, the two captains were recently selected to first-team all-conference honors.

Warner, the outside hitter from Lee, Massachusetts, was chosen as the 2013 MASCAC



PHOTO BY CHIM WILKINSON

Julia Warner won MASCAC Player of the Year as she has led the Owls to the NAAs

women's volleyball player of the year.

The Owls winning 2013 campaign has also led to Westfield women's head coach Fred Glanville being named as the MASCAC coach of the year. Glanville has helped navigate the program back on its feet after a tough 2012 with a young roster of talent.

The Owls got back to their winning ways in 2013 and hope to start a new streak as they once captured five straight conference titles from 2007-2011.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, November 7th

Ice Hockey vs. Curry L 2-3

Friday, November 8th

W Soccer vs. Bridgewater

State

L 2-3 2 OT

Saturday, November 9th

VBall vs. Worcester State W

3-2

W XC ECAC 20th Place

M XC ECAC 12th Place

Football at Worcester State

W 38-20

W Swimming at UMass Dart-

mouth Invite (non-scoring

meet)

VBall MASCAC Champ. W

3-0

Tuesday, November 12th

Ice Hockey at Framingham

State L 1-2

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, November 15th

W BBall vs RIC 7:00 p.m.

M BBall vs Southern Maine

7:30 p.m.

W VBall at Clarkson 8:00 p.m.

Friday, November 16th

W XC NCAA D III Regional

Championship 11:00 a.m.

M XC NCAA D III Regional

Championship 12:30 p.m.

Football at Western Connecticut

12:00 p.m.

W Swimming at Mt. Holyoke

College 1:00 p.m.

M BBall vs. Plymouth State

3:00 p.m.

W BBall (TBD)

Tuesday, November 19th

W BBall at Mt. Ida College

6:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 21st

M BBall vs. Regis College

7:00 p.m.

Ice Hockey vs Fitchburg State

7:35 p.m.

Football downs Worcester State 38-20 behind Bostek, Beauchemin

Mickey Curtis
WSU Athletic Dept.

Westfield State sophomore Colby Bostek (W. Boylston, MA) and senior Brian Beauchemin (Athol, MA) combined to amass 195 rushing yards and three touchdowns to help lead the Owls to a 38-20 victory over Worcester State in MASCAC football action Nov. 9 at Coughlin Field.

The Owls improve to 5-4 (4-3 MASCAC) while the Lancers slip to 3-6 and 1-6 in league play. Westfield State is now 15-13 in the all-time series that started in 1986 and it snaps a three-game skid against the Blue and Gold.

Bostek rushed for 101 yards and one touchdown and Beauchemin added 94 yards and two scores. Senior Tim Rich (Chelmsford, MA) was 11-for-17 for 208 yards through the air to go along with one touchdown.

In the receiving game, senior Kevin Nicol (Wolcott, CT) had a team-high five catches for 87 yards while classmate Kane Terilli (Cranston, RI) added 76 yards on a trio of receptions.

The Lancers were paced by junior Pat Viencek (Bernardston, MA), who was 23-for-45 with 267 yards and a trifecta of touchdowns, but he threw three costly interceptions.

Junior Jack Sprague (Maynard, MA) was his favorite target as he finished with nine catches for 100 yards – just 12 shy of 1,000 for his career. Senior AJ Scerra (Marlboro, MA) hauled in seven passes for 64 yards and two TDs to become the all-time Worcester State leader in receiving touchdowns.

On the ground for the hosts, junior Dana Valentine (Roxbury, MA) had 23 rushes for 93 yards and he tacked on 75 yards on three kickoffs returns.

After neither team scored on its first possession of the contest, Westfield State found success on a 19-yard scamper by Beauchemin with 8:23 left in the first stanza. The Owls tacked on the two-point conversion pass for the 8-0 lead from senior Joey Shisler (Hanover, MA) to teammate Jake Storey (Uxbridge, MA).



PHOTO BY MICKEY CURTIS

Junior Jonathan Lytle was named MASCAC Defensive Player of the Week after the 38-20 win.

The visitors jumped out to the 14-0 advantage in the same fashion when Bostek hit pay dirt four minutes later on an 11-yard scoring burst (PAT blocked).

Worcester State responded with a 13 play, 71-yard drive that was capped off on the first play of the second quarter with a nine-yard flick from Viencek to Scerra in the right corner of the end zone.

The Lancers had a golden opportunity to threaten as senior Nick Doria (Wartown, MA) forced a fumble in Worcester State territory.

In a balanced approach offensively, Viencek and Valentine helped the hosts march into the Westfield State red zone, but were denied when junior Jonathan Lytle (Wallingford, CT) intercepted a Viencek pass and rumbled 78 yard for the 21-8 margin with 9:13 remaining in the first half.

Worcester State, however, shrugged off the miscue and came right back on their next series 2½ minutes later on a 15-yard

scoring strike from Viencek to junior Casey Hippert (Douglas, MA).

The visitors found good fortune on the ensuing kickoff when freshman Alex Valente (Reading, MA) sprinted 42 yards deep into Lancer territory. Rich fooled the secondary on the very next play with a fake end around and hit an open Nicol for a 34-yard toss to make the score 28-14 with 6:21 left in the second quarter.

Westfield State scored see CURTIS on page 18

Ice Hockey loses MASCAC opener to Framingham State



PHOTO BY DAVID BIRIE

Junior TJ Powers was named preseason MASCAC player of the year but the team has started slow.

Ryan Sances
Voice Reporter

The Westfield men's ice hockey dropped their Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) opener to Framingham State 2-1 on Tuesday, despite outshooting their opponent 41-30.

Both goaltenders stood tall early keeping the game deadlocked at 0-0 through the first two periods. A Framingham goal from forward Ryan McDonald early in the third broke the tie and gave the Rams a 1-0 lead.

Westfield responded with a power play goal of the stick of Westfield junior T.J. Powers to knot the game back up at one apiece.

The tie would not last very long however as Framingham's Brendan McCarron would score to retake the lead just minutes later putting Framingham up 2-1 with less than five minutes remaining in regulation.

The Owls had several chances to force overtime down the stretch but couldn't solve Framingham goalie Nick Cafrelli who made 40 saves in the game.

Owl goalie Ian Perrier made 28 stops in the Westfield net but was saddled with the tough luck loss where they fall to 0-4 on the young season.

With the win, the Rams move to 1-1 in the early going of the 2013 season, led by a strong group of eleven seniors.

Westfield laces them up next against Fitchburg State, Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7:35 p.m. in Amelia Park Arena in Westfield.

The Falcons of Fitchburg State are 2-2 on the year, besting Becker College and Franklin Pierce in their first two wins.

Overthinking It: College Basketball is at its finest this season, regardless of conference realignments



Andrew Wiggins headlines the top freshman this season in college basketball. Conference realignments will make this season different, but exciting nonetheless

Andrew Burke
Layout Editor

Conference realignments, a dominating freshman class, and upsets will dominate this college basketball season. The teams are more even than ever, mid-majors can compete with prestigious programs, and the unpredictability is at an all-time high.

2013-2014 is the inaugural season of the American Athletic Conference, comprised of former Big East schools, and mid-majors trying to make a leap into an elite conference.

The preseason

polls contained three AAC teams in defending champion Louisville, who will play in the ACC next season, Memphis, and UConn.

The "catholic seven" that form the new Big East conference along with Butler and Xavier still have the rights to Madison Square Garden for the post-season conference tournament, although it will have a different vibe without the classic rivalries on display in the past.

Since 2010, 61 schools have moved conferences, losing old rivalries, but making new ones in the process. Much of the realignment is a result of

administrators searching for a place to make the most money in football, sacrificing other sports in the process.

Even with the realignment, this season has already proven to be an exciting one.

The freshman this year will be all-stars in the NBA within the next five years. They are already dominating in their games and have only been on a college campus for a few months.

The Champions Classic on Tuesday night capped off a consecutive 28 hours of basketball on the ESPN networks to kick off the new and upcoming season.

No. 1 Kentucky played No. 2 Michigan State and No. 4 Duke and No. 5 Kansas played in the last game of the day. The two programs have seven combined national championships and the two top freshmen in the country.

Andrew Wiggins and Jabari Parker are the number one and two recruits in the nation respectively and both have shown they deserve those rankings.

Duke's Parker, highlighted by an alley-oop in the first minute of the second half, finished the game with 27 points and nine rebounds to lead the Blue Devils. Wiggins, 9-15 for 22 points and eight rebounds, finished the game with an and-one fast-break dunk to seal the victory, 94-83.

Kentucky, a team dominated by freshman, started slow in their game against an experienced Michigan State team. They eventually worked to tie the score for the first time with four minutes left. Led by freshman Julius Randle, who had 27 points and 13 rebounds, Kentucky lost 78-74.

Nine freshmen are on the preseason Wooden Award watch list, the most in recent memory. With the talent in this season's freshman class, NBA GMs are sure to be watching closely until

the draft in late June.

Although major schools dominate the regular season, smaller conference opponents inevitably cut their season short in the NCAA Tournament. The success of top tier programs is measured by their finish in the most exciting tournament of the year in any sport. However, conferences like the A10 and WCC often spoil championship hopes.

VCU is ranked 14 in the preseason poll and Gonzaga at 15. Gonzaga earned a number 1 seed last season in the NCAA tournament but almost lost in their first game and was eliminated in the second round. La Salle was a sweet sixteen team last year out of the A10 and St. Mary's from the WCC is always a tough game.

Last season brought Florida Gulf Coast to the national stage and everyone will try to predict who will be this year's "Florida Gulf Coast."

No eyebrow raising upsets have happened so far, but the 2013-2014 season is sure to meet expectations of fans. Unranked games can be just as exciting as top ten games and any team can beat another on any given night and that is why it is exciting. Is it March yet?

Former Dolphins player says locker room was "normal"

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The McAuliffe Report

Writer's Note: I am avid Miami Dolphins fan as well as a Richie Incognito fan. I tried to present the facts as well as the opinions of others in an objective way.

With Monday night's loss to the previously winless Buccaneers, the Miami Dolphins continued to be embarrassed in front of a national audience.

While the Dolphins have struggled at times on the field this season, one that began with a promising 3-0 start, the team's off the field issues have plagued the Dolphins and have made them the highlight of media coverage nationwide.

You have heard the story by now. On Halloween reports first surfaced that second year tackle Jonathan Martin had left the Miami Dolphins to deal with "emotional issues" after a prank gone wrong in the team's lunchroom. That story ballooned into what is now known as "Bully-gate."

Since Martin left the Dolphins, his teammate and fellow offensive line mate Richie Incognito has been suspended by the team, and has been targeted for his behavior that Martin's camp has described as "harassment that went far beyond the traditional locker room hazing," Incognito admitted to as much

as leaving a voice mail on Martin's phone containing racial epithets and crossing the line.

In an interview with Fox Sports' Jay Glazer, Incognito took responsibility for the voicemail saying "When I see that voicemail, when I see those words come up across the screen, I'm embarrassed by my actions." Incognito also addressed his use of racial epithets, "I'm not a racist. To judge me by that one word is wrong. In no way, shape or form is it ever acceptable for me to use that word even if it's friend to friend on a voicemail."

In addition to the voicemail, 1,142 text messages exchanged between Martin and Incognito were turned over to Glazer.

Late last week, Dolphins players came to Incognito's defense, speaking out against Martin.

"If I'm not mistaken, this is the same guy [Martin] who was laughing about this voicemail at one point in time, first of all," said receiver Brian Hartline, "Second of all, I believe that, if you go through the whole voicemail, there's some things said that you probably shouldn't say in general, friends or not friends. But I know for a fact that I've said things to my friends that I kind of wish I never said, either."

Quarterback Ryan Tannehill was skeptical too, saying "I think if you would have asked Jon Martin who his best friend on the team was [before the scandal], he would've said Richie Incognito. The first guy to stand up for Jonathan when any-

thing went down on the field, any kind of tussle, Richie was the first guy there. When they wanted to hang out outside of football, who was together? Richie and Jonathan."

Nonetheless this story has continued to grow and an outright attack on the Dolphins organization has continued.

A player, who spent the entire 2012 season with Dolphins, today described the Dolphins locker room, as "normal," saying while much has been made regarding the culture in the locker room, the hazing of young players did not cross the line.

"Carrying helmets, bringing food, singing before team meetings" said the player, "They were actually great memories."

When pressed on if he saw anything that might have indicated the locker room culture was getting to Jonathan Martin, the player said, "I didn't see anything. He came to work everyday with the same personality."

Head Coach Joe Philbin too has come under fire for his handling of the scandal, but the player came to his defense. "I loved Philbin, he cares about family and his players."

While we have yet to learn all the facts (that will come when the NFL completes their investigation), we do know that for Richie Incognito to use racial epithets is wrong, but that does not make him a racist.

We know Jonathan Martin was playing poorly prior to being moved to right tackle when the



PHOTO FROM THE MCAULIFFE REPORT

Miami Dolphins guard Richie Incognito (left) and tackle Jonathan Martin (right) earlier this year.

Dolphins acquired Bryant McKinnie. Could that have contributed to the stress that caused Martin to snap after the prank in the lunchroom? Possibly, but we don't know.

When Martin left the team, he exchanged text messages with Incognito saying he did not blame Incognito and the accusations were not coming from him. When Martin left the team it was reported that the Dolphins would place him on the non-football injury list, clearing his roster spot, but that also meant Martin would not be paid while he was away from the team.

Since those reports Martin has not been placed on the NFL and he continues to be paid. It's worth noting Martin's mother is a lawyer and has a long history of working on workplace harassment cases.

While all of Richie Incognito's prior transgressions are being used against him (some rightfully so), and the alleged sexual harassment of a golf course worker that occurred over a year and a half ago is less than encouraging, Incognito is not the same man

that was kicked out of Nebraska and released from the Rams. In his time with the Dolphins he has been a Pro-Bowl player and even a leader in the Miami locker room. Those who have played with him call him a great teammate, those who play against him call him dirty.

Richie Incognito may never play another down for the Miami Dolphins, but he will play in the NFL again. Jonathan Martin might not play another down in the NFL, because he dared to show his vulnerability.

This scandal has cast a black cloud over the Dolphins, and has threatened the careers of head coach Joe Philbin and General Manager Jeff Ireland (rightfully so).

Should the NFL find Richie Incognito responsible, the league must come down on him and show this type of behavior is unacceptable and has no place in the NFL.

Should these accusations be unfounded, we should learn a big lesson about convicting someone before they are proven guilty.

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MassMutual Center. They all acknowledged that it is the only other place around to hold the event.

Jennifer McDiarmid, class of 2014 representative and parliamentarian, mentioned the Mullins Center as the only other option but she "doesn't want to graduate from UMass."

Many of the senators agreed with that sentiment.

As of right now, there is no time set. Preston and the Commencement Committee are still deciding between 3 p.m. or 4 p.m.

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Students today are not interested in carbonated beverages, but rather in vitamin water, Sobe water, and other healthier drinks.

Steve Kligerman, vice president of programming, announced that tickets to the New York City bus trip on Saturday, Dec. 7 have sold out.

The company that ran the ticket sales for the Campus Activities Board reported to the university that their servers crashed the morning of ticket sales. To further cause problems, the website allowed 240 tickets to be sold instead of the 204 that were announced. CAB and SGA voided the sales of the 36 tickets sold in order to bring the number back to the 204.

An email was sent out to help those that had their orders voided and \$10 in Owl Bucks were given to those affected by it. Kligerman apologized for all of the inconvenience.

With only four weeks left in the semester, Fote announced that the last meeting of the fall semester will be Dec. 10.

Those who missed opening roll call were; Amy Macdonald, Katie Wilga, Yaira Castellon-Torres, Lauren Leroux, and Emily Marcella.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be on Nov. 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

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Accents may create 'noise' between communication exchanges. Cahill believes they are actually beneficial to teacher/student information transmission.

"Accents strengthen us.

We tend to see listening as a passive activity and it's not. It requires as much communication from the listener, as well as the speaker," explains Cahill. "It [accents] forces us to engage more if we're sincere about wanting to interact with the person and have real information transmission."

Mackenzie Luppold, a senior communications major at Westfield State University, has professor Acquah as an instructor this semester: "The first thing I noticed about her [professor Acquah] was that she had a strong accent and I was interested to learn where she was originally from."

Even though, at first, Shirley's accent caused her to become insecure, she has now learned how to inform students when it comes to her speaking. "At the beginning of the semester, it was a bit of a struggle to understand certain words, but if I ever got confused, I would ask her to repeat herself, which she never has a problem doing, says Luppold.

"Shirley has always been approachable to me so I never feel uncomfortable telling her I don't understand something." Now that she has overcome her insecurities and is confident when it comes to speaking, she continues to stress to her students that they should always be comfortable with who you are.

It is only natural to become nostalgic when moving away from a life you are accustomed to, and Shirley is no exception. She states that she misses the social system of Ghana the most. She explains that neighbors and the community often help each other when it comes to daily life activities.

"Sometimes I wouldn't have to do my laundry or cook by myself... everyone helps out." Nevertheless, Shirley is an American and enjoys the culture here as well. She loves the fact the United States' systems are more efficient due to technology. "Stuff gets done. In Ghana, our system is not as advanced. I can just call the doctor's office and make an appointment," which is unheard of in her country. If she ever moves back permanently to Ghana, the ease of getting tasks done is what she will miss the most about the United States.

Learning more about Shirley Acquah and the experiences that brought her to my university are humbling. She is my intercultural communication

course professor, and I feel confident that I am learning from the best, not only because she immigrated from Ghana, but also that she speaks eight different languages.

After informing Mackenzie Luppold on Acquah's background that brought her to Westfield, she was in awe of her ambition: "I look up to her for taking such a risk to move to a different country, all for work experience."

Madeleine Cahill believes that Shirley "brings in an entire world of knowledge" to the department. "She has had to learn different cultures, because she has experienced them firsthand. She's there to do what she's learned to do and believes in the benefit of that."

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slob.

Fifth, wear large accessories. The bigger you are, bigger you want your accessories to be. Upgrade from a flimsy ballpoint pen to a fountain pen with some heft and always keep your watch faces on the larger side. As a bonus, people tend to view larger items as "power items," conveying strength and presence of the wearer, which is exactly what you want associated with your size.

Finally, you'll want to wear tailored shirts untucked. A single flat plane of fabric over the stomach draws less attention than a waistband contrasting with a shirt. Shirts with round, even hems are made to drape over trouser waists. Polos are often worn this way, as are button down summer shirts. Try a guayabera or a Hawaiian floral pattern. Long-sleeved collared shirts are less likely to be worn untucked, but light sweaters can go over them to fill the same role. Remember to tuck in the shirt during business-dress situations, as that is what is right and formal. Your social wardrobe should have some good round-hemmed options for wearing untucked.

Dressing well as a large man isn't all that different from dressing well with any other body type. More than anything, it relies on honesty about your figure and patience to get clothes that actually fit. If you're willing to pick the styles that flatter your body type and get them adjusted to fit properly, you'll look neat, stylish, and well built no mat-

ter what you weigh.

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Arts & Entertainment**NIEB, page 15**

John was accompanied by at least one member of his band, except when he sang "The One," which he performed solo. "The One" is the second track from his 1992 album of the same name.

John sang the song, "Hey Ahab," appearing on his 2010 collaboration album with Leon Russell, The Union.

The only two songs from the newest studio album, The Diving Board that John sang were "Oceans Away" and "Voyeur." "Oceans Away" was dedicated to the father of John's long-time collaborator, Bernie Taupin. Before John sang "Voyeur," on the other hand, he said it was about his sex life.

"Saturday Night's Alright for Fighting" was the last song that John sang before the encore.

As part of the encore, John sang "Your Song," from his 1970 self-titled album. The song was John's first Top-10 Hit.

For the closing number, John sang "Crocodile Rock," which was his first #1 hit single that appeared on his 1973 album, Don't Shoot Me I'm Only The Piano Player. Instead of singing the bridge, John incorporated his fans into the show and had them sing this part for him; making for an extraordinary show altogether.

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one more time just before the intermission as Michael Orellana (Springfield, MA) booted a 35-yard field goal for the 31-14 margin at the break.

To start off the third, the ball traded hands four times before Viencen helped the Lancers drive into enemy territory with 49 yards through the air on its third possession of the quarter.

With a fourth and three decision on the Owls 16, Viencen tried to find Sprague on a slant route near the goal line, but junior Troy Cutter (Lunenburg, MA) diagnosed the play beautifully and carried the interception 74 yards to the Lancers 16 yard-line.

Beauchemin then helped

the visitors balloon their lead on a two-yard plunge for the 38-14 score with 1:18 left in the stanza.

After the Owls went three and out on their next series, Worcester State worked quickly to charge its way down the field. But Cutter came up with the clutch pick – his second of the contest – to help keep the hosts off the board on the Westfield State 25-yard line.

The visitors then utilized a 16-play, 74-yard drive to run out the clock and the contest. Westfield State rushed 14 times in the trek and converted twice on third down as Rich added a 13-yard sneak on fourth down to seal up the win.

Cutter propelled Westfield State with a game-best 10 tackles (nine solo) and he had two interceptions for 77 yards. Lytle tackled on eight tackles (five solo) with 1.5 for a loss. Junior Julon McCoy (Gardner, MA) also added six solo stops including two for losses.

Doria paced the Lancers with eight tackles (five solo) and a forced fumble. Junior Bryan Narcisse (Medway, MA) distinguished himself with seven tackles, which included 3.5 TFL and 2.5 sacks for 19 yards.

Westfield State led a balanced attack to edge the Lancers in total offense (411-405) while the Owls were just under their season average in possession time (33:28-26:32). Worcester State had more first downs (28-23), but was four of 15 on third downs.

Hippert became the fourth receiver to go over the millennial mark as he now has 1,042 yards which is just 183 away from the single-season mark. Scerra went over the 200-club plateau, six receptions off the top five in Division III New England football history.

The Westfield State defense held the Lancers potent passing attack in check yielding the hosts to just 267 yards, which was well below their season average, which was fourth in the NCAA Division III (350.9 YPG).

The Owls have now gone an eye-popping 235 consecutive pass attempts without throwing an interception on the campaign.

Both squads close out their MASCAC slates next week in nontime affairs. Worcester State hosts Framingham State in their season finale while the Owls travel to Western Connecticut.

Horoscopes

Games & Leisure

Maze

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
There is a place in Denmark that has your name carved in ice. The stars cannot determine their exact coordinates, but you should go on a journey there this week to find it. Bring only what you feel you must.

Taurus
(April 21 - May 21)
Everything is completely pointless and arbitrary, and it is up to you to make some meaning out of this mostly empty space we call our universe. You have yourself and whatever else you wish to deem real.

Gemini
(May 22 - June 21)
Your existence is unprecedented. In the coming week, treat yourself as the only one of your kind, as opposed to the rest of the lemmings that make up our world that you will one day crush underneath your powerful feet.

Cancer
(June 22 - July 22)
Try and wash off the odor of failure from your back and instead bathe in perfumes of success. Now, you can't afford any of those yet, but one day this will be possible, the stars assure you.

Leo
(July 23 - August 23)
Run to her. Run to her this very moment as you read this, no matter where she is. Tell her how you really feel about her. You cannot hide your true feelings from the stars. Go now, and good luck.

Virgo
(August 24 - September 22)
Your coffee, the next time you drink it, will be warmer than usual. It will be so warm in fact that you will remember this horoscope when you drink it. You are going to remember this horoscope.

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Libra
(September 23 - October 22)
What is the scenario? We are not sure what the scenario is. The scenario is what goes. Lo and behold, the scenario is all right. The scenario is exactly what it is, though. No, you are not the scenario.

Scorpio
(October 23 - November 21)
The horoscope will not be televised. It will tell you that your family will be extra meaningful this week. It will tell you to wear blue slippers. The horoscope will not be televised. The horoscope will be live and in full color.

Sagittarius
(November 22 - December 21)
If Fuzzy Wuzzy was an ox instead of a bear, it would make no difference on your oncoming week. Stay the course and be strong in the ace of all rhyming adversity.

Capricorn
(December 21 - January 20)
There is a live wire in your head that is shooting off sparks of imagination. Before you get that checked and all fixed up, try to use this newfound creative energy to full effect.

Aquarius
(January 21 - February 19)
One-eyed Jack may be paying you a visit this Wednesday evening to give you presents of unknown and varying values. If you see a man in a pirate costume, do not under any circumstances challenge him to a game of chess.

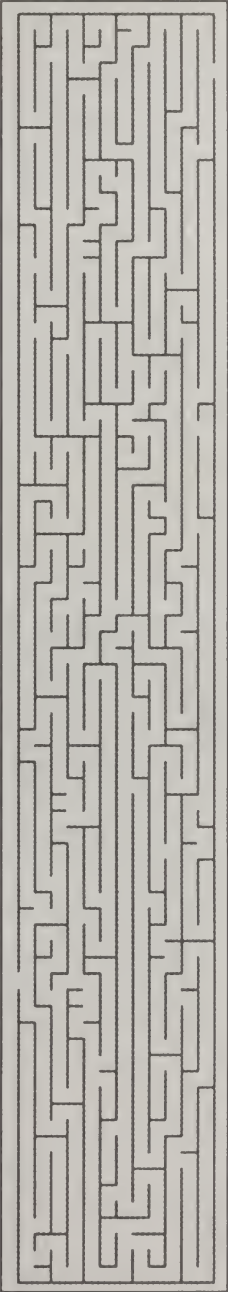
Pisces
(Feb. 20 - March 20)
The Internet will tell you everything you need to know this week. Do whatever it tells you to do, no matter how suspicious or odd. It is the Internet; everything it says is true. It is almost as trustworthy as the stars.

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Funding restored to annex project after Freeland's freeze was rescinded

Joshua Clark

Editor-in-Chief

Last Wednesday, Richard Freeland, commissioner of education, announced that the frozen \$2 million has been restored to the university.

The money was to be used for the new science annex project, which is still in its planning stages.

The money was intended to be used to move the project forward to the next stages.

In an email sent to campus, acting president Liz Preston said that she was happy and said that she "anticipate[s] that DCAMM will now move to certify the project."

The funds were frozen after the recommendation of Freeland because of the scandal surrounding now-former president Evan Dobelle. Dobelle was tasked with answering questions by a deadline set by Freeland.

He asked for an 11th hour extension for his response, but the request was rejected. With this rejection came a recommen-

dation made by Freeland to the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management.

The campus community took this freezing of the funds very hard.

The All-University Committee wrote a letter to the commissioner urging him to reverse his decision.

Ted Welsh, chairman of the committee, wrote that the funds were important to keeping the project on target.

"Even a brief delay now would slow us down by an entire year and, given the rising costs associated with building projects, would likely mean a smaller building less able to meet our pressing needs," said Welsh.

Student government, the vice president of administration and finance, and the vice president of academic affairs also sent letters to him with the same message.

After Dobelle's retirement, the question hung about whether the funds would be restored.

On Friday, that question was answered.



This is an artist's rendering of what the new science annex will look like. The building located in between Wilson Hall and the Commuter Lot.

"I have recommended to Commissioner Cornelison that this project be reinstated and moved forward with all deliberate speed," said Freeland.

He said that it was "an important project for the future of the university."

The annex is the first academic building project to be built on this campus in forty years.

The building will house biology, physical science, nursing, and other science departments.

The Westfield Voice will continue to report on any further developments as they occur.

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EMILY HANSHAW, Managing Editor

News from other schools

The Daily Collegian, U OF MASS., AMHERST

The Blue Wall will be serving Thanksgiving dinners for students who are unable to head home for the holiday week. This is their second year providing the service for students.

The Harvard Crimson, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Restaurants at the former Holyoke Center are facing uncertain futures as the overhaul of the campus center gets underway. They say that the university gave them very little notice of the plans but they remain hopeful.

The Daily Campus, UNIV. OF CONNECTICUT

UConn men's basketball won 77-60 over Boston University. DeAndre Daniels scored 24 points.

The Daily Orange, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Boris Gresely won his election to be the president of the 58th session of the Student Association. He won by 196 votes. His running mate was Daniela Lopez and they beat Duane Ford and Nia Boles.

Mike Knapik headlines Tuesday's SGA meeting while new business extends it

Ryan Caulfield SGA Correspondent

The Student Government Association held an overall casual meeting last Tuesday that was guided by an evenly paced agenda.

Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, opened her president's report by welcoming her guest speaker Michael Knapik, executive director of university advancement, who was appointed last summer. Knapik was previously a Massachusetts State Senator and was previously in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

Knapik first stated that he is honored to have the new position. Ever since he started his new role, he has taken the time to get to know the people that build up Westfield State as a means to return powerful resources to help the students and faculty.

Knapik believes that Westfield State University is one of the easiest selling points for everyone in the advancement division due to the school's reputation for academic achievement and involvement in the community.

The Advancement Division is dedicating its time to advocate for the faculty and students whether it is

for the foundation, creating scholarship aid, or other financial opportunities to combat the large student need at Westfield.

The big goal for the division this year is focusing on 175th anniversary, Knapik stated. He also added "the university deserves an advancement division that has your best interests at the heart of it and we intend to live up to that promise, the promise you hold, and, really in truth, live up to the promise that Horace Mann created 175 years ago."

Brittany Moniz, president of the class of 2014, asked Knapik if there have been any setbacks in the division due to the recent investigations surrounding former president Dr. Evan Dohelle. Knapik responded saying the investigations have been setbacks, but only to a degree.

He stated that when he came to the University, he was allowed to select all new employees for his staff. When 2014 rolls in, and the dust clouds settle, the new division will work hard going forward.

Joshua Clark, representative-at-large, asked if Knapik knew any details of the story of the donor who was going to donate \$100,000 to the University, but pulled back due to the controversy of the presi-

dent. Knapik said the donor is John Walsh. New overtures have been made to see where he is still in favor of donating. Knapik also said that they do not want to lose him in the future and hopes to make him comfortable with the university.

After Knapik was done, Fote returned to finish her report. She accepted the resignation of Brandon Prouty, president of the Apartment Complex. Prouty is in the U.S. Air Force and was called for duty in California. He left this past Monday.

Fote announced that the Executive Council has come up with the idea to give Prouty a care package filled with an SGA sweater, cards, and photos.

Fote also announced that there would be no SGA meeting on Nov. 26, due to the shortened Thanksgiving break week.

Rebecca DiVico, vice president of student life, announced that there is still time for students that haven't taken the Educational Benchmarking Inc. (EBI) survey. She reported 900 students have taken the survey so far, but the numbers are not up to par with last year's, when 1,300 students took the survey. When a student completes the survey, they will have the opportunity to win

great prizes.

DiVico shared some news about the turkey drive. Senators have been going around to the various campus buildings looking for donations to their turkey drive. So far, they have raised \$1,315, which allows them to purchase 85 turkeys. Sodexo pledged to donate five turkeys, which brings the total to 90. Last year, senators raised enough money to purchase 95, so DiVico has been pushing for more donations to hit that mark.

Steve Kligerman, vice president of programming, announced a gingerbread throw-down event on Dec. 11. There will be a gingerbread house building contest, an ugly sweater contest, hot chocolate, and decorating your own cookie.

Joshua Frank, vice president of finance, presented two financial proposals to the senators. The first was from Academic Pursuits, asking SGA to fund half the ticket price to see the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center. The committee approved to cover half the cost and Frank motioned to approve \$52 to the club. The motion was carried unanimously.

The second proposal was for the Math Club and

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The Scene in Boston on a 'Writing for the Media' field trip

PHOTOS BY JANINE FONDON, ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATIONS



On Nov. 11, Westfield State University students visited Boston to learn about the intersecting opportunities in today's communication industry.

WWLP-TV 22 State House correspondent Christine Lee welcomed the students to Boston's Beacon Hill and demonstrated her abilities to create, shape and tape a story for air on the network in recognition of Veteran's Day.

The students then proceeded to the career luncheon in Cambridge, Mass. to learn about the future of jobs in the communications industry thanks to one of the most successful industry recruiters, Ted Chaloner, who has offices in Boston and New York.

The day closed with a visit to the MIT Museum, where students saw glimpses of varied new technologies that are expected to change the way we live and communicate in the near future. It was a great day for learning, networking, and thinking about innovation.

Written by Janine Fondon for The Voice.



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The Right Kind of Help

Sarah Martell
Voice Contributor

"Can you spare a dime?" I'm sure we've all heard something similar to this in our lives. At some point, we have all been walking down the street and seen a homeless person asking for change. And although we don't know for sure what these people are using this donated money for, there are many people out there that try to give something.

Of course, it isn't solving the bigger problem of poverty, but it can make a difference to the person that received a few dollars, because that person needs help and will take what they can get. There is no fuss over if this is the "right kind of help." A person gives to the homeless because they feel empathy for that person and because they can spare some money. And isn't that what helping is all about?

According to Sayantani DasGupta's film review of the PBS documentary *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, that isn't what helping is about at all. The review, "Your Women Are Oppressed, But Ours Are Awesome: How Nicholas Kristof And Half the Sky Use Women Against Each Other" is a predominantly negative review. DasGupta sees many issues with this documentary, which is based on the book written by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. The most problematic issue that DasGupta sees is that this documentary highlights a rhetoric that only shines a light on how women are used as "weapons of war" against other women of different backgrounds.

DasGupta forms a very

sarcastic review of this documentary and Kristof's efforts, stating first that in this way, global gender violence is made pornographic and is called "poverty porn," meaning that all the violence and other issues are put on display where everyone can view them.

Secondly, she has a problem with the actresses that appear in and are involved in this film because she believes that their presence takes on more importance than it should. She also believes that there is a problem with privileged people speaking for less privileged people, for it can result in more oppression for the oppressed.

DasGupta sarcastically talks about Kristof as everyone's "white savior," because he promotes himself as the hero of these oppressed people. She also goes on to say America should take care of its own problems. The basic idea DasGupta is trying to get across in this review is that sometimes "good intentions can do bad work." In summary, she argues that this film suggests that these women are oppressed and our women can save them, which undermine the goals of female empowerment.

Initially I agreed with this review based on the premise of what DasGupta was talking about, this idea that "our women are awesome." It made some sense to take the book/film in that way. Prior to reading the review, I had not seen the PBS film, but I had read the book.

After watching the documentary, however, I decided I disagreed with a lot of her points and her general take on the film. DasGupta covers many topics in this review, including criticisms of Kristof's reporting, which

she says makes this film very problematic. One criticism is that he leads this huge odyssey through the Global South, examining issues in these countries as if they are the same and can be quickly fixed.

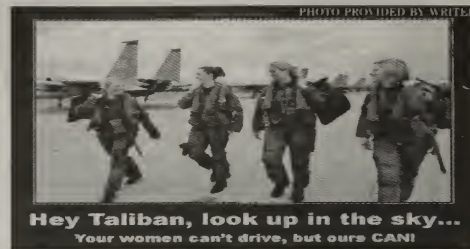
However, that is not the message I received from the film at all; I saw vast differences in every segment. The film begins with Kristof in Sierra Leone alongside actress Eva Mendes. Sierra Leone is in a post-war period, but continues to have major problems with women and girls being raped.

Unfortunately in wartime, it has always been acceptable to rape women and not face prosecution even after peace has been secured. Kristof and Mendes travel to a rehabilitation center run by a woman named Ami. This center helps girls who have been raped by providing them with medical checks and counseling.

While at this center, they meet a girl named Fulamatu who was raped by her uncle. She and her parents press charges—not something that always happens—and they arrest the uncle. Both Kristof and Mendes speak to Fulamatu about the incident.

DasGupta says that interviewing girls about their rape or any other incidents is completely insensitive and wouldn't be acceptable anywhere else. And to some extent she is correct. It wouldn't be acceptable for a journalist or reporter or just anyone to go around asking being raped or genital cutting.

However, the point of this documentary is to inform viewers of what is happening and give insight by telling personal stories. No one wants to have to talk about these things, but the



This photo was used by DasGupta to illustrate how Kristof's portrayal of women in "Global South" impacts how women are viewed by the world.

problem is very prominent in Sierra Leone. The world can't ignore the tragedies going on in other countries because bringing them up is "insensitive." The true horrors are shown and spelled out to the viewers because if they are ignorant, how will they feel any compassion or empathy?

DasGupta makes an argument that the actresses involved in the film take away from the bigger issues that are being shown. I think they are there for an important purpose that benefits the film in its entirety.

For instance, there are many people who know Diane Lane or Eva Mendes, but not Nick Kristof. George Clooney, who has a cameo in the documentary, explains the role of the actresses: "What you're really trying to do is take the focus and shine it on people who are working within their country... who are trying to make their country better."

The actresses are there to put the attention on the film and make people want to get involved. Is this a bad thing? I don't think so, because when people are inspired, they want to help.

DasGupta saves herself from burning these actresses and Kristof and WuDunn too much by saying that she doesn't mean, "they don't mean well. They clearly do."

But then she goes on to say that "good intentions can do bad work" sometimes. What bad work these journalists and actresses are doing, I am not sure. I do know, however, that they are shining light on topics that are virtually ignored by a large number of the population due to lack of interest or just innocent ignorance.

In fact, one of the actresses, Gabrielle Union, was raped at age nineteen and shared this story and related to a young girl's ambition in education in Vietnam.

They are all involved in charities and causes such as the Gibson Girl Foundation, Afghanistan Relief Organization, and CARE, among others.

While DasGupta so generously says that to his credit, Kristof highlights the work of "local, on-the-ground" activists and focuses "somewhat on women's empowerment," I believe there is a great deal of highlighting the activists and focusing on empowerment.

Kristof says in the documentary: "Because part of the problem is cultural, there is potentially a certain drawback in a bunch of outsiders parachuting in and saying, '...your culture is all wrong...' It is much more effective when you

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Run Stanley 5K seen as great success

Matthew Carlin

Asst. Managing Editor

Stanley Park has been the location of a recent charity event for the campus community. The "Run Stanley Fundraiser" occurred Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. that consisted of a 5K cross-country run/walk to help "save the bridges."

Our very own Professor Vanessa Holford Diana, who has been the key organizer in putting together this event, hosted this civically engaging activity. Referring to Stanley Park as Westfield State's "gem," Professor Diana explains that the event has "been on

my mind for a few years," telling us how essentially "it's my backyard." This beautiful event had a ton of help from the Westfield State community, with over 40 volunteers being Westfield affiliates. Members from the WSU softball team, Lambda Sigma, the Honors Program, the cross-country team, the nursing department, movement science majors, and encouraged athletes from our respected athletic department. Sodexo donated a lot of food, including a variety of bagels for runners.

While planning the event, organizers had hoped they could get at least 250

registered runners, but were startled when they ran out of memorabilia when 459 runners registered for the event! Professor Diana was shocked that so many people turned registered for the event, and enjoyed the spirit that Westfield brought to the event. To kick off the event, there was an a capella group of Westfield Students who sang the National Anthem.

With the Run Stanley event, it was great to see some positive press for Westfield, especially for a part of the community that is clearly loved by the students. Rumors are circulating on whether or not this



Westfield State student-volunteers at the race.

For more photos, visit runstanley.com.

will become a annual event; Diana left us with "there is a lot of interest, exploring, and idea floating on the possibility." It's nice to see that Westfield State is finally taking a more formal role

to benefit our neighbor!

Diana had closed the interview by wanting to say "Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of sponsors, participants, and supporters of Run Stanley, we

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Gail's Guidance

"Gail's Guidance" is written by our advice columnist who shall remain nameless. If you are interested in having Gail solve your problems, slide your anonymous question under the door to *The Westfield Voice* office in Ely 305 or email them to thevoice@westfield.ma.edu.

Dear Gail,

How come every time I have a conversation with a guy he is always staring at my chest?

Sincerely, Angry at Stereotypes

Dear Angry,

What you have to understand is that it is a guy's natural instinct to have wandering eyes. As this is very much a natural instinct for men, I un-

derstand it might be natural for you to be offended.

Your choices in this situation are somewhat limited: continue to wear what seems to be revealing shirts and accept the fact that guys are going to stare, or cover up and avoid the situation all together. If low-cut, revealing shirts are not the problem, then perhaps it has to do with your bust size, which cannot exactly be helped (unless you purchase a minimizer brassiere).

My advice, Sweetie, flaunt it if you got it, because you have every right to feel comfortable in your own skin. If the boys want to stare, use that to your advantage.

Sincerely,
Gail

Dear Gail,

My roommate often has

guests over but I don't know why they have to stay over until two in the morning. We've had numerous conversations, but she doesn't get the hint. I even think she's using my things when I am away (i.e. food, clothes, condoms) and not returning them. This is a problem and even though we've set ground rules, nothing has happened to rectify the situation.

Sincerely,
Boundaries Crossed

Dear Crossed Boundaries,

First and foremost, I would like to point out that it is probably for the best that your food and condoms are not returned to you after they've been put to use.

Your roommate is obviously pretty inconsiderate. Although you have to understand that being in college means adjusting to how others prefer to live (unless you have a single,

still, things such as this shouldn't remain undressed.

If she really doesn't get the point, there are a few things you could try: Send her a text while she has her nocturnal friends over to tell her you need to "get sleep" because "have a test in the morning" once you have had enough. This will work effectively to guilt her and to shoo her friends away without making you look rude. Be nice, but don't let her walk all over you.

If this fails, you have the option of addressing it directly, putting it as clearly as possible while being assertive. Warning: this may make you come off as a jerk and possibly even a little psychotic, so choose your words wisely.

Lastly, if you still cannot get your point across to your obviously dense roommate, it will not hurt to bring the problem to the attention of your RA. RAs are trained to handle situations like these and can institute

a roommate agreement form, which will require you to lay a set of rules – a "no visitors after a certain time" rule, for instance. If they break this agreement, well... I don't actually know what happens because I've never actually done one, but I expect the consequences are not in the favor of the contract-breaker!

If the problem persists even then, move out. I'm sure there is something either your RA or RD can do to help you.

Best of luck with your roommate's nonsense,
Gail

Gail is a sophomore English major and a columnist for The Westfield Voice. Letters to Gail's Guidance are anonymous and are deleted or thrown out after the columnist has finished writing their response.

From 'The Voice' Vault

Dyer pleads innocent - free on bail

Faces Connecticut arraignment Dec. 12

This article was published in the **December 11, 1989** issue of The Westfield State Owl.

Denise Penna
Janice Tracey
Owl Editors

Political Science professor Weston Dyer was freed after pleading innocent to child pornography charges in Hampden County Superior Court Dec. 4, according to the Springfield

Union News.

The Union News reported that District Attorney Matthew J. Ryan "said the victim in the case, a teenage girl who was mailed photographs with her head superimposed on a nude woman's body, expressed fear of Dyer."

Indictments in Springfield Superior Court "state that the offenses occurred on or about Nov. 4 of this year," and charge Dyer with "single counts of dissemination of visual material of a child in a state of nudity or sexual conduct and possession of obscene matter with

intent to distribute," according to The Union News.

The Union News reported that Ryan stated in court that Dyer had "singled out" the victim. As a result, Judge George C. Keady Jr. also "issued a stay away order for Dyer as part of the professor's release pending trial." A pretrial conference for the case is scheduled for Dec. 18.

According to The Union News, Dyer's lawyer, Henry Rigali, has said that Dyer, who is on extended sick leave from the college, recently underwent treatment at Hartford Hospital and is still under the care

of physicians.

A resident of Granby, CT, Dyer, 56, is scheduled to be arraigned again on Dec. 12 in Enfield Superior Court. The Union-News state that Dyer is charged with three counts of impairing the morals of children, four counts of harassment and obscenity, and one count of possession of marijuana.

The Union-News reported that the Granby police said the charges involve incidents with minors, aged 11 to 13, which date back as far as 1987.

Letter to the Editors: Private Lives of Students Violated, New policy provides "tattle tale service"

This letter was published in the **December 11, 1989** issue of The Westfield State Owl.

To the Editor:

The students must be aware of the new secret tattle tale service that is being run on this campus. There is a new policy that if a student is walking into the residence hall and is thought to be drunk, his or her name is written down by one of Dr. Sarah Light's henchmen, the I.S.O.

This campus is becoming more and more like a freakin' nursery school. When the hell are you people going to wake up and realize that we are adults. I don't know about other students on campus, but I came here to study and get away from mommy and daddy.

If I want to go out and get drunk and then walk into Lammers Hall

quietly, then it's none of your damn business. I don't need my RD calling me down because I've been seen drunk twice this semester by someone who they won't inform me of, and then telling me if it happens again I'll have to report to Sarah Light.

If I'm not getting written up for drinking on campus or being unruly, then I'm not reporting to anyone. I mind my own business and Dr. Light, you should do the same and worry about some of the other problems around here like budget cuts.

But then again, you don't have to worry about money; you drive a Porsche. I'm sorry, maybe I shouldn't get involved in your personal life, then again you shouldn't be involved in mine either.

Dr. Light, please stay out of the students personal lives unless it is deemed absolutely necessary.

Mark Kilban, Class of 1991

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Opinions & Editorials

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2013

RACE RUGH, Editor

Goodbye Dr. Dobelle... now let's talk about the future of this fine institution of learning

Race Rugh

Op-Ed Editor

The president is gone. Well, not entirely gone, he is still suing the school. But I am thoroughly pleased with his decision to resign.

According to the Boston Business Journal, Evan Dobelle explained in his letter of resignation that: "The unnecessary and unfortunate distractions of the last several months have led me to conclude that the only appropriate path for the University is one which will allow it to move forward unencumbered by such diversions."

Dobelle also said that, "My immediate retirement would be welcomed and would expedite the release of the money to fund the new academic building, which would be the first in over 40 years at the university."

Yes, for people like me your retirement is welcomed, Dr. Dobelle.

He is not dropping the lawsuit against Westfield State for 'conspiracy,' but his proclaimed reasons for resigning are commendable.

I am a bit perplexed

as to why he is following through with this lawsuit though.

I understand that if he was looking to advance his career, then something like this would 'tarnish his name.'

But since he has retired, what does he think he is going to get out of it?

Well, we know what he will get out of it. He will get money, and that is very possibly a major reason he is still doing it.

Of course, some will remember him for advancing the school's ambitions and creating a more diverse student life.

Some will also remember him for his sumptuous spending in the name of "expansion."

The latter is more than likely what us newer students here at Westfield State may end up remembering him for. The man who couldn't get enough.

I believe I have said enough about that; it is time to move on from this issue (just as Dobelle suggested in his somewhat contradictory letter of resignation).

I didn't want this entire article to be about Dobelle, it just felt necessary to speak on it a little.

What I want to talk about is the future progression of the university.

(First and foremost, heed all warning signs that our next president might just be a little too relaxed with his or her spending habits.)

The reality of the situation is that we need a president who will use Dobelle's positive ambitions as a starting point.

Not everything he did was wasteful or even remotely useless. We do not need a president who will come in and think there is a need for a complete revolution.

What it seems to be here is a school that is right on the edge of making that next step.

We have the diversity, we have the programs (although they could be bettered, even more than Dobelle had done), and we have the promise.

What I feel this school could use is a dose of seriousness throughout the campus. We need a leader to bring more pro-



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Dr. Evan Dobelle has now retired. This university is excellent, but there are still some improvements that need to be made.

What do you think of the SGA?

Do they have the best interests of the students at heart or are they fluffing resumes?

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fessionalism to what is trying to become a prominent school in an already prominent Massachusetts school system.

I have only been at this school since September, but I can see some of the things that need to be changed and built upon.

We need to hold our professors to higher standards; focus on making the campus even more directed towards success.

A good president will come in and make sure that not only are we revered for our diversity and new productions, but for the remarkable intelligence and creativity of our faculty and student body.

The Conservative View: Obamacare is speeding 'fast and furious' down a steep hill

Matthew Carlin

Asst. Managing Editor
Voice Columnist

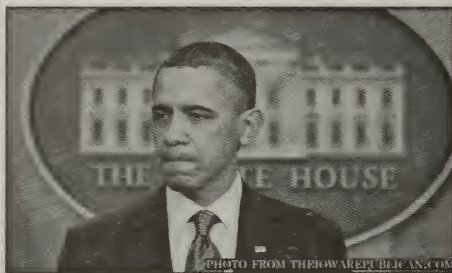
The big topic in Washington right now seems to be switching between the "Fast and Furious" mess, and the failure of Obamacare to provide healthcare to Americans at a stable rate.

Strangely enough, it seems to be the problems of the Obama administration, with the Attorney General, Eric Holder, in front of the firing squad of the vengeful GOP. Holder was the leader of the actions under Operation: Fast and Furious, which had about 2,000 arms sold to suspected criminals with ties to Mexican drug cartels.

The plan was for ATF agents to track the contraband over the board in the hope it would lead them to cartel hideouts. In a tremendous show of incompetency, the ATF agents failed to keep track of the arms.

Now, dangerous firearms have come into the hands of known criminals, when they were tracked to shootout that left a federal agent dead. Commonly known as a "gun-walking" controversy, only about 700 of the firearms sold have been tracked down and seized, unfortunately they have only been with small targets and low-level cartel members.

So far, this colossal failure of an operation has cost the government thousands of dollars not only on local expenses



The Obama administration has taken a lot of heat for many controversies that have surfaced, namely Obamacare and 'Fast and Furious.'

but also as compensation to the Mexican government who has seen its fair share of crime in relation to these specific firearms. The Obama Administration has a lot to answer for in this fiasco.

Now the major article; hello Obamacare!

Now, what could this glorious renovation of the healthcare system have wrong with it? Well, Everything. Not only has the president failed to provide a working website for this new system to take over, he clearly and knowingly lied to the American people when he told us we could keep our old plans. Thousands of workers and citizens will find their current plans void in 2014, with premiums rising across the country to higher levels.

However, that is not all. Obama couldn't just mess with the healthcare plans; he messed with the definitions too! With the new system, a majority of workers will find they no longer qualify for healthcare through their company because they are no longer count as full-time of em-


ployees.

Under the new provisions, many employees like our nonstudent workers will be considered seasonal workers and thus lose all of their current employee benefits. So now you can possibly imagine how distressing this matter can be for our beloved workers at say Subway who have worked for possibly years but now lose all sorts of their benefits.

I thought this new affordable care act was supposed to help us, provide a better standard of healthcare, and make us happy? Clearly this system is failing, and it's not even fully enacted yet!

Currently, Republican leaders are scrambling to protect the current healthcare plans for American citizens to prevent a complete termination of old plans. With a surprising amount of support from Democrats, it would seem the GOP would be able to protect a decent amount of those who would be poorly af-

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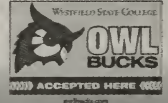



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From the Editor's Desk

This Friday marks the fiftieth anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

John F. Kennedy is very high on my list of favorite presidents (after Andrew Jackson of course).

I wish I could say that I cannot imagine what it must have been like to have a nationwide sorrow like his assassination (9/11 spoiled that for my generation).

Kennedy represented the youthful future of the nation, especially in the polarizing Cold War environment that he lived in.

There are many shows and specials that will be airing on television in the coming weeks surrounding Kennedy and his assassination.

My favorite show thus far has got to be "Killing Kennedy," which aired on the National Geographic Channel a couple of weekends ago. The acting was superb and the story was not conspiratorial or far-fetched, but very realistic and powerful.

I felt the hair on the back of my neck raise when Lee Harvey Oswald (played by Will Rothhaar) raised the rifle, aimed his shot, and pulled the trigger.

I felt what I would imagine the nation felt on that tragic day just because the movie had laid out the story so well.

It was based off of a book written by Bill O'Reilly (of all people) and I could not say enough about it.

If you are around a television this Friday or at all during the weekend, I suggest watching any of the shows that are being aired by National Geo-

graphic or the History Channel.

Even the Youtube clips of Walter Cronkite reporting the story are interesting. Definitely take a look at those.

Last Friday at the Harvard Club

Last Friday, Matt Carlin, assistant managing editor for The Westfield Voice, and myself went to the Harvard Club in Boston for a round table discussion with MediaMate, a regional firm specializing in advertising.

There were many other newspapers represented there: *The Salem State Log* (Salem State University), *The Berkeley Beacon* (Emerson College), *Live Wire* (Manchester Community College), *The Anchor* (Rhode Island College), just to name a few.

The four topics of discussion were: fundraising and other sources of income; local advertising; differentiating between web, print, and mobile; and the problems facing college newspapers.

Every time Carlin (our office nickname for Matt) and I sat down at a table, the topic turned to *The Voice* and what we are doing here at Westfield State.

A lot of the discussion revolved around funding for the paper. The Student Government Association at this university funds 100% of the costs for the print and online editions.

This is unheard of at other universities.

Apparently, some of these schools have to beg and get down on their knees to even



The fiftieth anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy is this Friday. Kennedy has taken on a cult following after his assassination. There have also been a whole host of conspiracy theories surrounding the assassination itself.

get a dime from their SGA's. Even when they get a dime, it is nowhere near what they need, and they often have to rely heavily on advertising.

Some of these schools are actually independent of their SGA's. *The Anchor* at Rhode Island College, for example, is virtually independent of their student governance organization, which is pretty admirable.

They have a budget upwards of \$80,000, where half of that goes to paying their staff.

The other half goes to their printing costs and other administrative fees.

It was a very humbling experience going to this conference and seeing what exactly it is that other schools do.

This past Tuesday, I got up in front of the Student Senate at SGA and thanked them for their continued commitment to this newspaper.

The bond that we share is very important to this university.

A lot of the reporting that we filed for the Dobelle scandal was partially reliant on some of the facts and figures doled out by my fellow senators.

It is also an appropriate time to mention the Moby Dick-length articles that Ryan Caulfield writes about what happens at the SGA meetings.

I sit in the front row with my fellow representatives-at-large and even I learn a thing or two from his articles.

I never realized how much better our SGA is compared to other schools.

Let's keep it up, guys.



Joshua Clark is a junior History major and the editor-in-chief of The Westfield Voice.

Please send your 'letter to the editor' to thevoice@westfield.ma.edu.

Gentlemen's Weekly: The Joya de Nicaragua cigar is my favorite "go-to"

Josh Minardi
Voice Columnist

Hello everyone. In this week's cigar review I will be revealing to you one of my favorite go to cigars.

Brand: Joya de Nicaragua
Extension: Antaño 1970
Country of Origin: Nicaragua
Shape: Robusto
Size: 5.50"x52
Wrapper: Nicaraguan Habano Criollo
Filler: Nicaraguan Habano
Binder: Nicaraguan Habano
Handmade: Yes

The Joya de Nicaragua (Jewel of Nicaragua) holds an interesting place in cigar history. The company was founded in 1968 in the Esteli Valley of Nicaragua, a region where some of the finest tobacco

in the world originates. It was the first factory built in the region and it produced cigars that rivaled, and in many ways surpassed the quality of Havana production in this time period.

The company was brought to its knees during the Sandinista Revolution, but was able to begin returning to its former glory in 2002. Joya produced a blend to return to the bygone era, recapturing the glory days of the company and of cigar smoking.

Appearance:

This cigar presents itself with a sense of utter beauty. It is dressed with a stunning and flawless Rosado colored wrapper that tucks neatly under the double cap. The classy red and gold wrapper provides stunning contrast. It is truly a work of art.

Construction:

There were seemingly no bumps or deformities on the body. Closer examina-

tion revealed no vein lines or soft spots. The cigar felt substantial in hand—possessing considerable mass—revealing that the cigar is packed with filler tobacco. It produced a perfect draw with a generous amount of gray-white smoke. Burn is precise, requiring no maintenance or re-lighting and produces a nice, tight gray-white ash. The band is easily removed without any damage to the wrapper.

Flavor:

The first third of the cigar produces a first palate that is sweet, with flavors of cherries and raisins. The second palate is of sweet coffee and cream, with an elegant aroma of cocoa and cedar. Closing out the first third is a pleasing, filling shot of nicotine that settles the stomach nicely.

The first palate of the second third reveals a mild Scotch Bonnet spice with notes of apricot and fresh

almond, which lead into a second palate of hot espresso. The tantalizing aroma of cocoa and cedar persists with the wafting light-colored smoke. The smoke is luxurious and pleasing, yielding a cool and effortless draw.

The final third's first palette is leathery with the nice, crisp spice of red pepper and a second palette of Allspice and syrupy sweetness. The aroma and volumes of smoke from the preceding thirds are consistent. The draw continues to be spot-on flawless. The finish is slightly bright, long, and lingering with a smooth, Corsican mint spice.

Overall rating:

I give this cigar a 9/10. Every time I smoke one of these cigars I am absorbed by the experience. With its changing flavor profile, it keeps even the most experienced cigar smokers on their toes. This cigar, due

to the slow burn of the filler tobacco, requires a commitment of one's time in order to fully appreciate the flavor profile and aroma of the cigar. I also, unfortunately, cannot recommend this cigar to the newly initiated cigar smoker. It is an immensely powerful smoke which would leave any cigar newbie grasping for the closest wall before even finishing the first third. I also would recommend a highly developed palate, or perhaps the desire to sharpen one's discernment.

Brilliant execution in construction or design, impressive flavor profile, and a very attractive price (\$7.00 USD per stick on Cigarsinternational.com) makes this cigar very tough to beat.

I hope that I was able to give the more experienced in cigar culture

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The Liberal View: Obama administration deals with unemployment for holidays

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

Ever since the week before Halloween, I realized that everyone was preparing things for the holidays... Starting with bagels. At Dunkin' Donuts, we discontinued pumpkin bagels and we put out the new flavor swirled Ted Velvet and Peppermint Mocha.

But, while many may be getting a jumpstart

with their coffee and holiday cheer in the mornings, others may be waking up and wondering how they're going to manage their budget this gift-giving season.

Last Friday in Washington, the Obama administration addressed the unemployment issue during this season.

In an interview, economic advisor Gene Sperling said there was 'no question' that Congress will extend its emergency

unemployment insurance, which may run out for up to one-million Americans between now and the new years.

Sperling also emphasized that in doing so, it "reduces poverty and helps workers who have lost their jobs, due to no fault of their own, get back on their feet."

This is incredibly important to address because so often we look at the American dream as the

story of the underdog who made it to the top and is successful by working hard. Many conservatives believe that if someone does not have a job, it's because they are lazy or don't work hard enough.

In reality, the faults of Capitalism are actually the cause of unemployment caused by many factors; the replacement of technology for people; hiring overseas, and little to no workplace security.

Sperling said that: "Helping out those who are unemployed would help boost the economy and create more job opportunities. While at the same time costing 30 million dollars less than the extension in 2013."

Sperling also addressed this at the Atlantic's Washington Idea forum. There is an urgency to make sure that Congress passes this quickly,

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Arts & Entertainment

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2013
LEWIS PACHECO & LYNDON SEITZ, Editors

as of Nov. 21, 2013 Top 10 Singles

1. Lorde - Royals
2. Eminem - The Monster
3. Miley Cyrus - Wrecking Ball
4. Katy Perry - Roar
5. Avicii - Wake Me Up
6. Drake - Hold On, We're Going Home
7. One Republic - Counting Stars
8. Lady Gaga - Dope
9. Imagine Dragons - Demons
10. Lady Gaga - Applause

Top 5 Albums

1. Eminem - Marshall Mathers LP
2. Celine Dion - Loved Me Back To Life
3. The Robertsons - Duck The Halls: A Robertson Family Christmas
4. Katy Perry - Prism
5. Avril Lavigne - Avril Lavigne

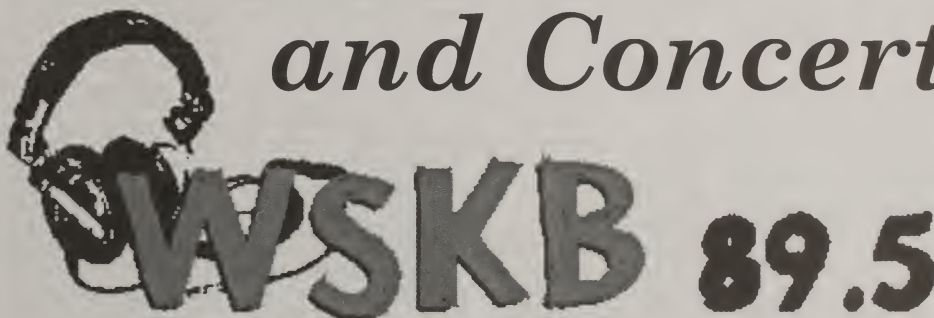
Top 5 Movies

1. Thor: The Dark World
2. The Best Man Holiday
3. Last Vegas
4. Free Birds
5. Bad Grandpa

Upcoming DVDs

1. The Grandmaster
2. Red 2
3. The Smurfs 2
4. Mortal Instruments
5. The Canyons

WSKB To Host Fall Open Mic and Concert



Jessica Thelen Voice Reporter

On Saturday Nov 23, WSKB 89.5 FM, WSU's campus radio station, will be hosting a fall open mic and concert. The event will take place in Scanlon Banquet Hall, from 7 to 11 p.m. The open mic portion of the evening will be from 7-8 or 8:30.

All campus musicians, authors, poets, and comedians are welcome to perform and wow the audience with their best stuff. To take part in the open mic, let any member of the WSKB exec board know you will

be performing. Either post there or message one of the hosts of the event (Evan Crimmins, Kaila Cummings, Elise Laura Cluster, and yours truly) and let us know you will be performing!

Also, let us know what songs or pieces you will be performing, so we can have a rough estimate as to how much stage time you want or need. If you are interested in playing songs, try to choose songs with lyrics that are in good taste (i.e. no foul or derogatory language—swearing, slurs, hate speech, etc).

Feel free to play or perform with multiple friends

onstage, since this is not limited to single acts. The same good taste policy applies to poetry and fiction as well.

This event is free of charge, however, it is donation based, with most proceeds going to the MS Foundation in memory of Emilee Gagnon, a 2013 recent that tragically passed. A small percentage of the donations will be going to WSKB itself, in order to fund our annual spring concert that we will be putting on next semester.

From 8 or 8:30 to 11, local bands will take the stage. The bands playing are The Leafies You Gave

Me (Avant-garde indie pop with jazz and punk influences, as well as a great stage presence and interactive show antics), Mad Habits (Acoustic indie music with beautiful string arrangements and a female vocalist), and local veterans Hot Dirt (Jazz/punk/rock/jam band with intricate riffing that will get you up and dancing).

It is going to be a great evening, so be sure to attend and support your friends, local bands, and WSKB!

The event is sure to be an enjoyable one and exciting for the audience. All participants will have a good time.

Knowing to Cook: Thanksgiving Dinner



PHOTOS FROM MEDIA EDUCATION

Ryan Cashman Voice Columnist

What is not to love about Thanksgiving dinner? You are surrounded by people you love and you all share a massive meal of turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, squash, and gravy.

Thanksgiving is the one holiday of the year when I feel bad for vegetarians. Not because they have made the personal choice not to consume meat, but because they are missing out on one of the most wonderful meals ever devised by human beings.

If you cannot tell by this point, I love Thanksgiving. Since I was a small child, I have looked forward to this holiday. My favorite part of the day is watching my dad prepare dinner.

Thanksgiving dinner is his favorite meal. He has told me on several occasions that there is nothing better than a turkey straight out of the oven. My dad is in charge of the kitchen on Thanksgiving, which my mom never complains about.

Three years ago, my dad came home the day before Thanksgiving carrying a giant paper bag and placed it down on the kitchen table with a thud. We were all curious as to what he had brought home. He unveiled that largest turkey I have ever seen in my life. It was a massive twenty-five-pound bird, with a giant chest and enormous legs and wings.

It was a Heritage Bird that my dad ordered from the local farm from which we have a seasonal share. The Heritage Bird was a farm-raised turkey that was tagged and allowed to run wild within the perimeters

of the farm, thus explaining why it was so huge.

Thanksgiving morning, my dad awoke early to begin prepping the turkey. An early riser myself, I followed him down into the kitchen to help. The sun was just rising over the tips of the trees and shining through the early morning fog as we began. I was given the assignment of preparing the vegetables while my dad tackled the mammoth turkey.

He cleaned the bird and removed the giblets, which we would later boil and snack on. We then employed a new tactic we had recently discovered watching America's Test Kitchen. Using slices of salt pork, we covered the breasts and legs, and then draped moist cheesecloth over the areas.

We preheat the oven, put the turkey in and cooked it for three hours before taking it out of the

oven. The purpose of the layering on the salt pork and briefly cooking it was to allow the salt and fat from the pork to basically marinate the meat of the turkey in order of give it a more well-rounded and juicer flavor.

After removing the salt pork and cheesecloth, we cranked up the heat in the stove and the turkey cooked for another hour until it was golden brown and ready to serve. At that point in the afternoon, all our relatives had arrived and there was a feast to behold on the dinner table. We had squash, mashed potatoes, homemade and canned cranberry sauce, green beans, stuffed artichokes, stuffing, and the gravy which we had made by adding a bit of corn starch to the juices rendered from the turkey.

It was by far the greatest Thanksgiving dinner I have had to date, and the star of the evening was the turkey itself. The meat was so juicy and tender that it just fell right off the bone.

I know this week's column is longer than usual, but I cannot simply glaze over the importance of this wonderful meal.

Thanksgiving dinner is Thanksgiving, and it is a perfect example of the theme that has run through the various editions of this column: togetherness. And that is what Thanksgiving is all about.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoy this cranberry sauce recipe!

Buona Tavola!

Cranberry Sauce

Ingredients:

¼ cup water
1 cup sugar
¼ tsp. salt
1 (12 oz.) bag of cranberries, picked over.
Note: if the cranberries are frozen, do not thaw them out.

Instructions:

1. Bring the water, sugar, and salt to a boil in a medium saucepan over high heat, stirring occasionally until all the sugar dissolves.
2. Stir in the cranber

ries and allow mix to come back to a boil.

3. Reduce heat to medium and allow to simmer until 2/3 of the cranberries have popped open.

4. Time: 5 minutes if the cranberries are not frozen. 7 minutes if they are frozen.

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NEW EDITIONS ON FRIDAY!

WHIP Comedy Improv puts on another successful show at the Dever Stage on Saturday, November 16

Lydia Grossi
Voice Intern

This weekend on Nov 16, I attended the WHIP Comedy Improv show at 7:30 p.m. in the Dever Auditorium. I have only seen a couple of performances put on by the club, and all I remembered was the humor being a bit dry at times.

Of course, performing improvisation is not easy in the slightest, and it takes a lot of guts to get up on stage and make people howl. This time was different; I found

myself laughing and twisting about in my chair.

I also noticed a lot of new faces that have joined the club, which may have been the reason I found this performance so outstanding.

It started promptly at 7:30; I expected that the show would be about an hour or so long, but it didn't end until about 10 p.m. I didn't mind this at all! During the course of the show, I found other skits to be more intricate and funny than others, but I am pleased to

say that many of the students were quite impressive. Particular individuals stood out among others, but each brought a unique part to the stage.

One aspect that I appreciated was the fact that the group as a whole involved the audience. The two hosts of the show were very outgoing and sassy which made the ensemble come together.

They shouted to the audience for topics to perform and really interacted and had fun. One funny ball of

sass that I truly enjoyed watching was Dani Collette, who was also one of the hosts. Collette is a senior secondary education English major. She is "a student teacher by day, and a goofball by night."

Collette loves being on stage, telling me, "It's incredible. This club is full of so many different kinds of funny people."

Our rehearsals/performances don't even feel like work, they're just two hours where we get to play with a whole bunch of friends on

stage in front of an audience.

"No one expects you to be professional or an adult when you're an improver, they're just there to laugh." She went on to say that "There will never be anything more satisfying than a real laugh. Not the cheap prompted laugh, but a real deep from your heart laugh. It's infectious and I live for it."

This particular show exceeded my expectations and made a lasting impression on me; Encore!

Lyndon's Reviews: Listen to "The Looking Away" all the way through for the best experience of the album



Lyndon Seitz
A&E Editor

Animal Kingdom: The Looking Away – An indie rock band that soars in its music (it usually stays really high). It has some good rhythms to it, and some of the better tracks include "Strange Attractor" and "Skipping Disk," both showing what I feel is the band at their best.

You'll have to wait a few songs to get to the better stuff, but it's worth the wait. The changes in the rest of the album are planned well, and it's best to listen to this album as a whole.

It's for the most part a good album, and you won't be wasting your time listening to it.

Animal Parts: Animal Parts – This is some standard stuff. It was nice, but it didn't stand out as anything of spectacular quality to me.

The lyrics were average, but they were expressed with a flair that I felt worked for the album.

I will give it praise in that it always kept me going with the beat when applicable, and there were no songs that really got on my nerves.

If you see a cheap opportunity to get it, go ahead, otherwise you aren't missing anything special.

anaROBIK: Operator's Manual – This is a classic case of using the robot voice too much.

It's standard (if not substandard) electronic music that is accompanied by a robotic vocal that is okay for five minutes. It is not okay for an entire album of this.

It's so overwhelming that even the few points where the music was actually half decent were overshadowed by it. Please pass on this; you will gain absolutely nothing except annoyance.

I heard Daft Punk released a new album. Go get that instead of this.

The Pyramids: Human Beings – A repetitive

rock/electronica EP that has your basic synthesizing beats for the average vocals to go along to.

If you read the first sentence fifty times over, that is the rough experience of listening to it in a nutshell. It sounds lazy on some level, as if they found a formula that worked marginally and are afraid to go further.

Sounds are added to try and make it sound cool on some tracks, but it just makes it sound as stereotyped as the other albums of this nature (and believe me, there are quite a few).

It's not worth getting excited over. In fact, it is not worth getting at all.

Quiet Life: Big Green

– This is a Southern album. There's no other way to generally describe it.

There's low-fi country-blues, southern rock (probably the most prominent), something resembling bluegrass (I think), some very stereotypical Southern lyrics, and everything else you could possibly expect from such an album (and more).

That being said, this isn't a bad thing at all, and I enjoyed the album a good deal. Some tracks proved better than others ("Jim's Wedding Band" and "Let It Go"), but there are few tracks that won't at least pique a curiosity or two.

Any fans of any type of Southern music might want to check it out.

Owls Sports

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2013

JOEY COOPER, Editor

Men's basketball wins season opening Classic at Woodward

Andrew Burke

Layout Editor

The Owls men's basketball team opened up their season this past weekend with the Rick Martin/Holiday Inn Express Men's Basketball Classic. They came out victorious with wins over Southern Maine and Plymouth State, winning the tournament that was held at the Woodward Center.

Starting slow, the Owls got behind 10-2 in the early part of the game. Foul trouble by Junior Captain Grant Cooper and Freshman Shane Pasquantonio limited their play in the first half and got Westfield out of their normal groove.

Cooper was an active and aggressive defender as the one in the Owl's 1-2-2 press and picked up two early fouls as a result.

However, Freshman Joe Crapps made an immediate impact coming off the bench early in the first half. His intensity and first six points turned the team from passive to the aggressive and Westfield was able to take a 21-17 lead with six minutes left in the first half.

Crapps finished the game with 16 points going 6-8 from the field to lead all scorers.

Westfield finished the

first half with a one-point lead over Southern Maine, 32-31, after consecutive three pointers by Junior Dan Johnson, who finished with eight points off the bench.

Junior Jordan Santiago was the leading scorer in the second half, recording all of his 13 points after the intermission. Santiago gave the Owls a 51-50 lead with a three-pointer with 9:34 remaining and it was never surrendered.

Pasquantonio secured the victory with a two handed dunk after getting behind the defense and sealing his defender.

Cooper finished with only five points but added eight rebounds along with Junior Dan Tessier in the 68-60 win on Friday night.

The consolation and championship games were played on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., respectively.

In the second game against Plymouth State, the Owls got behind early again and had to overcome foul trouble by Cooper and Pasquantonio in the first half.

The first half was an even match up with neither team leading by more than five points at any point within the first 20 minutes.

Plymouth State started strong in the second half,

with a 49-42 lead with 11 minutes left in the game.

Robby Jones added the spark in this game, scoring 12 second half points in the comeback victory. Santiago tallied 10 and Johnson added eight.

When the game was on the line, it was clear that Cooper was the one who was going to lead them to a victory. His attitude was contagious for the entire team in the last five minutes and it brought the intensity of the game to another level.

Westfield was out-rebounded 43-24 in the game, but won the rebounding battle at the end of the game, when it mattered. On offense, Cooper demanded the ball and delivered, scoring 10 of his 17 in the final six minutes.

In order for the team to have a successful season this year, they are going to need players to come off of the bench and be ready to play.

Foul trouble will be a problem this season because of the intensity of the Owl's defense, so players like Crapps, Jones, and Johnson will need to come in and make plays.

The future looks bright for this team; with a clear leader in Cooper and a good supporting cast, the Owls are destined to find success in 2013-2014.



PHOTO BY MICKEY CURTIS

Freshman Joe Crapps attacks the basket for a layup after a steal at halfcourt. He lead the team in scoring against Southern Maine in his first game at Westfield.

Owls lose 37-0 to Western Connecticut in Marino's final game as head coach



Westfield's defense shut down the nation's leading rusher in Octavias McKoy but could not stop WCSU QB Will Arndt in the 37-0 loss to the Colonials.

Mickey Curtis
WSU Athletic Dept.

Western Connecticut senior quarterback Will Arndt (Sandy Hook, CT) amassed 376 total offensive yards and was involved in four touchdowns as the Colonials defeated visiting Westfield State University, 37-0 on Senior Day at the

Westside Athletic Complex.

Arndt scored on runs of seven and 92 yards while tossing a pair of touchdowns, a 23-yarder to Michael Antonio (Cromwell, CT), and a 31-yard hook up with Brandon Johnson (Montville, CT) to lead Western, now 7-2 overall and 6-2 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference, to its

fourth straight victory and give it hope of receiving a coveted ECAC Tournament appearance. Berths for the ECACs will be released by Monday afternoon.

Senior running back Octavias McKoy (Stratford, CT), the nation's leading rusher and scorer, was stifled on the day, as he collected just 36 yards on 17 carries. One of those carries,

however, resulted in a 15-yard touchdown. He added onto his school record and now has 26 touchdowns on the year. McKoy came into the game leading Division III with 209.9 rushing and 227.38 all-purpose yards per game and 25 TDs.

Earlier this season, McKoy set a new NCAA All-Divisions record with 455 yards rushing in a 55-35 victory over Worcester State University.

The Western defense, which has allowed just 20.6 points and 316 total offensive yards a game this fall, dialed in a zero on Saturday and allowed a stingy 156 yards to the Owls.

Michael Lacaria (Watertown, CT) led the way for the winners with 10 tackles. Tyrell Ballard (Bridgeport, CT), Devante Credle (West Haven, CT), Devin Myers (Waterbury, CT) and Bill Birdsall (Newtown, CT) each had five tackles. Myers recorded a pair of sacks and

three tackles for a loss.

Westfield, 5-5 overall and 4-5 in the MASCAC, was paced by senior running back Brian Beachemin (Athol, MA), who had 11 carries for 36 yards.

Tim Rich (Chelmsford, MA) completed 11 of 22 passes for 91 yards but was sacked twice and threw three interceptions.

Leading the Colonials' receiving corps was Connor Falaguerra (Milford, CT) and Senior Tommy Bruder (Warwick, NY), who pulled in five and four catches on the day.

Saturday marked the final game for Westfield head coach Steve Marino, who will retire at the end of the year after manning the helm for 24 years for the Owls.

Marino has been a successful coach for the last 24 years and has the only undefeated season in the school's history. Needless to say, he will be missed.

Hockey wins first game

Ryan Sances
Voice Reporter

Westfield State men's hockey recorded their first win of the season with an 8-5 victory at Salem State, Thursday, Nov. 19. Senior captain Vince Perreault and Freshman Jackson Leaf led the Westfield attack with both players recording hat tricks while Junior Frank Zuccaro scored two goals.

The Owls raced out to an early lead with goals from Perreault and Leaf. Perreault's second goal pushed the lead to 3-0 and forced Salem State to make a goaltending change. Salem responded by scoring

their first goal of the game before Zuccaro scored his first goal of the contest to regain the three-goal lead. Another Salem State goal cut the lead to 4-2 to close out the first period.

Things changed dramatically early in the second with Salem State exploding for three goals in the first seven minutes of the period to take a 5-4 lead causing the Owls to make a goaltending change of their own. The Owls responded with Zuccaro's second goal to tie the game at five heading into the third period of play.

Westfield regained control of the game in the fi-

nal frame with Perreault completing his hat trick to regain the Owl lead. Leaf would close out the scoring with a pair of goals to record a hat trick of his own and put the game away at 8-5. Goaltender Eddie Davy picked up the win for the Owls stopping all 17 shots he faced in relief of starter Ian Perrier.

With the win the Owls earn their first victory of the season improving their record to 1-4 overall and 1-1 in Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) play.

The Owls will next host Fitchburg State Thursday, see SANCES on page 18

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, November 15th

W Bball vs RIC L 68-73
M Bball vs Southern Maine W 68-60
W Vball at Clarkson L 0-3

Friday, November 16th

W XC NCAA D III Regional Championship 30th Place
M XC NCAA D III Regional Championship 17th Place
Football at Western Connecticut L 37-0

W Swimming at Mt. Holyoke College L 125-167

M Bball vs. Plymouth State W 69-60

W Bball vs Daniel Webster W 72-38

Tuesday, November 19th

W Bball at Mt. Ida College W 75-52

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, November 21st

M Bball vs. Regis College 7:00 p.m.

Ice Hockey vs Fitchburg State 7:35 p.m.

Saturday, November 23rd

W Bball vs Salve Regina 1:00 p.m.

W Swimming at Smith 1:00 p.m.

M Bball vs Emmanuel 3:00 p.m.

Ice Hockey vs. UMass Dartmouth 5:35 p.m.

Tuesday, November 26th

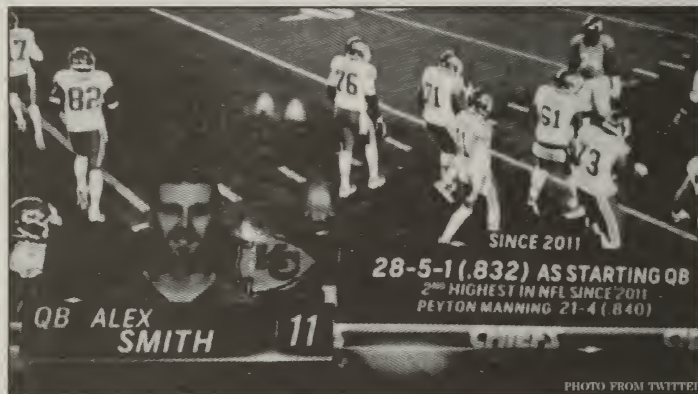
M Bball vs Western New England 7:00 p.m.

Ice Hockey vs Franklin Pierce

7:35 p.m.

Overthinking It

A quarterback is a team's most important asset, but his personal record is not directly tied to a team's success



Although Alex Smith has the second highest winning percentage since the 2011 season, he is not the second best quarterback in the NFL. Many analysts and fans would recognize that his success stems from an improved supporting cast.

Joey Cooper

Sports Editor

Much like my first column this semester, there is so much wrong with judging a quarterback's success by his win-lose record.

To reiterate my points from September through my pitcher's win-lose piece, attributing the success of one player's performance based on the team's record is lazy and inconclusive.

The idea to write this column was sparked by a graphic that was shown by NBC during the Sunday Night Football game between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Denver

Broncos. I laughed reading the statistic that said Alex Smith's winning percentage was the second highest since 2011, trailing Peyton Manning.

NBC decided it wasn't convenient to include Smith's record and statistics from 2005-2010, where he bounced in and out of the starting role, throwing 51-53 touchdowns to interceptions, all while averaging a rating of 67.28 per season.

The last three seasons, Smith seems to be a different player, managing the offense, enjoying the help a talented team.

In 2013, you would think advanced statistics would have established

themselves in the NFL to the point where quarterbacks, who hold the most coveted position in American sports, would be evaluated with more improved research than, "he's a winner."

With sports like football and baseball, there are so many factors that play into a team's success. To Smith's situation, I would say his defense in San Francisco was top four in fewest yards given up and Kansas City's defense this season has yielded the second least points in all of football.

Along with the solid push on the offensive line he has received since 2011, his running backs in Frank

Gore and Jamaal Charles are individually top 10 in yards in each of the last three seasons.

The folks in Kansas City have seen their team earn a record of 9-1 in the 2013 season, enjoying their new quarterback leading the way, as he now holds the title of being "a winner."

A closer look into quarterback metrics may come as a surprise to many. Smith by all accounts, is pretty ordinary, teetering on mediocrity despite his newly acquired label.

Among all qualified quarterbacks this season, Smith is 18th in yards, 22nd in touchdowns, 23rd in quarterback rating, and 31st in yards per attempt proving deficient in the area of throwing downfield.

Many would assume that because of his inability to throw past 10 yards, Smith would accrue a sufficient completion percentage where he actually sits 27th in the NFL in at 58.1%.

Tom Brady, three-time champion, has reached five Super Bowls with the New England Patriots since 2001. The first two wins came down to Adam Vinatieri's leg, 2007's fluke catch off David Tyree's head, and 2012 came down to a Wes

Welker drop and Mario Manningham's incredible catch.

Four Super Bowls in which the final plays came down to the performance of other players. If Vinatieri pushed it right, Rodney Harrison knocks it down in Arizona or Wes Welker makes that catch he's done many times, Brady's incredible 10-plus year career is no better or worse.

Terry Bradshaw, quarterback of the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1970-1983, accumulated four championships during that time, capping off a career of average statistics. Bradshaw, much like Smith, was a game manager who happened to be on a great team throwing two more touchdowns than interceptions (212-210). The Pittsburgh quarterback had a career quarterback rating of 70.9, which would rank him 28th in the NFL in 2013.

The quarterback is one of 22 starters, not including special teams and backups who rotate in the game. While it remains a team's most important asset, a quarterback's performance is not tied to a winning or losing record.

WSU Public Safety Crime Log: Oct. 29 to Nov. 18

<u>Date & Time of Incident</u>	<u>General Location</u>	<u>Incident Nature</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Oct. 29 01:12 p.m.	Wellness Center	Larceny	Open
Oct. 29 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Woodward Center	Larceny	Open
Oct. 30 12:45 p.m.	Dickinson Hall	Larceny	Open
Oct. 30 03:16 p.m.	Courtney Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 30 05:00 p.m.	Davis Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 30 08:08 p.m.	Davis Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Oct. 30-31 04 - 11:15 p.m.	Courtney Hall	Malicious Destruction	Open
Nov. 1 12:22 a.m.	University Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 1 01:45 a.m.	Public Safety H.Q.	Disorderly Conduct	Arrest
Nov. 1 01:45 a.m.	Public Safety H.Q.	Assault & Battery on P.O.	Arrest
Nov. 1 05:20 a.m.	Scanlon Hall	Malicious Destruction	Open
Nov. 1 01:29 p.m.	Public Safety H.Q.	False Driver's License	Referred to RMV
Nov. 1 03:27 p.m.	Lansdowne Place	Malicious Destruction	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 1 06:43 p.m.	Courtney Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 1 07:28 p.m.	University Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Summons Mailed
Nov. 1 07:50 p.m.	Davis Hall	Assault & Battery	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 1 07:50 p.m.	Davis Hall	Breaking & Entering	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 1 10:20 p.m.	Scanlon Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 3 12:25 a.m.	Lammers Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 3 03-05:17 p.m.	Scanlon Hall	Larceny	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 5 08a-01:29p.m.	Parenzo Hall	Larceny	Open
Nov. 5 12:46 p.m.	Commuter Lot	Leaving Scene of Accident	Summons Mailed
Nov. 5 09:55-11:39p	Lammers Hall	Threat to Commit Crime	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 6 03:29-04:17p	South Lot	Malicious Destruction	Open
Nov. 6-7 06p - 05:53p	Scanlon Hall	Malicious Destruction	Open
Nov. 9 12:07 a.m.	Scanlon Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 10 01:43 a.m.	Scanlon Hall	Drug Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 10 01:43 a.m.	Scanlon Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 10 10:13 p.m.	Scanlon Hall	Drug Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 11 12:44 a.m.	Scanlon Hall	Assault & Battery	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 13 12:50 p.m.	Ely Road	Operating w/ Susp. License	Citation Issued
Nov. 14 12:00p-12:17p	Library	Larceny	Open
Nov. 14 11:00 a.m.	Dickinson Hall	Rape	Open
Nov. 15 12:31 a.m.	Scanlon Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 15 09:30 a.m.	Trades Building	Threat to Commit Crime	Open
Nov. 15 05:58 p.m.	Commuter Lot	Liquor Law Violation	Trespass Notice
Nov. 15 07:36 p.m.	Woodward Lot	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 15 10:07 p.m.	Scanlon Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 15 10:10 p.m.	Parenzo Road	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 15 10:18 p.m.	Parenzo Road	Liquor Law Violation	Arrest
Nov. 15 10:18 p.m.	Parenzo Road	Drug Law Violation	Arrest
Nov. 15 10:55 p.m.	Dickinson Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 15 11:25 p.m.	University Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 16 12:31 a.m.	Lansdowne Place	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 16 09:44 p.m.	Courtney Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 16 05:58 p.m.	Commuter Lot	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 16 06:19 p.m.	Scanlon Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Summons Mailed
Nov. 16 08:50 p.m.	Dickinson Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 16 08:54 p.m.	Davis Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 16 10:04 p.m.	University Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 17 08:07 p.m.	South Lot	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 18 07:56 p.m.	Campus Green	Disorderly Conduct	Arrest
Nov. 18 07:56 p.m.	Campus Green	Assault & Battery on P.O.	Arrest

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their trip to attend the joint mathematics meeting in Baltimore. Frank motioned to allocate \$1,839 for the club, which passed with the SGA. Two senators voted against the motion.

Jenna Henderson, president of the class of 2017, announced that they would be shifting some positions around in their council. Henderson will not be returning to Westfield State after this semester in order to attend the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

New business was opened and Joshua Clark took the podium first. Clark took the moment to talk about The Westfield Voice student newspaper. He announced that on Nov. 15, fellow representative-at-large Matthew Carlin and himself traveled to Boston to attend a conference at the Harvard Club. The conference was essentially a show and tell for other school newspapers to compare and contrast with each other.

"They were all about the Voice. They just loved it," said Clark. He also added that other newspapers could not believe that the SGA helps fund the total costs of the newspaper where most of the other papers have only ten or twenty percent from the SGA. Carlin and Clark both thanked the SGA for their unwavering support.

Tom Durkee, representative of the class of 2014, told the senators about an event that is being held as part of his resident assistant duties. He said that it had to be something that will impact the community.

Durkee wants to have the AIDS Memorial Quilt

as an event on campus. The AIDS Memorial Quilt is an enormous quilt made as a memorial to and celebration of the lives of people who have died of AIDS-related causes. It was started in 1987 and displayed in the Mall in Washington, D.C.

Durkee says three panels will be displayed during the first week of December in front of University Hall. This would take place during AIDS Awareness Week.

Lastly, Brittany Walters, fundraising and community relations designee, announced that the next blood drive will be on Dec. 4 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Parenzo Gym. All volunteers are welcomed.

After new business was closed, the meeting was adjourned and the November meetings for the SGA are history, just like any turkeys that would be gobbling around on Nov. 28.

Those who missed opening roll call were Nicole Primeau, Noelani Washington, Priscilla Aguilar, Shawn Hillmann, Danny Chamberlain, and Ashley Deleon. Adam Lamontagne sent an alternate.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be on Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

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have [someone] coming from within and calling for a change."

He isn't naive to the fact that the major change has to happen within the country itself, but work needs to be done to bring this change about and support the process. When Kristof travels to Cambodia with

Meg Ryan, they highlight the work of a woman named Somaly Mam, a brothel survivor, who rescues girls from brothels and rehabilitates them in a place that houses and educates them.

These girls look up to Somaly and strive to be just like her. You can see the difference she is making very clearly, which is so inspiring.

DasGupta's statement that "the very nature of the film itself undermines its stated goals of global female empowerment" is just wrong.

The film doesn't say that American women are better, nor does it even imply that. This documentary is simply to inform the rest of the world of the oppression being forced onto women in the Global South. These efforts are in fact helping. The attention given to these issues by Kristof and these actresses helps to inform the rest of the world of what is happening by highlighting the work of activists and sharing inspiring stories. Maybe it isn't saving everyone, but it is making a difference for some, which is what helping is all about.

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greatly exceeded our fundraising goal, and donations are still coming in. The bridge building project in the Stanley Park Wildlife Sanctuary will happen as a result of this successful event."

Check out the Run Stanley gallery on westfield-voice.com, the Run Stanley Facebook page, or runstanley.com for more details on the event.

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fectured by the new system.

My message to the Obama administration: stop thinking in theory and start thinking logically. Your "goodwill" thinking is hurting everyone involved, including those you think you're helping!

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an idea for a good, full-bodied smoke. I definitely recommend this to anyone who wants a strong, full-bodied cigar. As always if you have any cigar related questions, or just want to join me for a smoke, please feel free to ask me.

Josh Minardi is a sophomore environmental science major, a writer for the Art of Manliness, the president of the WSU Republican Club, and a columnist for The Westfield Voice.

Editor's Note: Cigar smoking is not a safe alternative to smoking cigarettes or chewing tobaccos. If you are going to smoke, please use one of the gazebos located at either end of campus. There is one behind the Ely Campus Center and one behind Mod Hall by the Commuter Lot.

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as there are few business days left and the new year steadily approaching.

When we talk about politics we forget the human aspect of it so much, and

how this spins our world from economics to social issues.

During this raw time of the year, stress is elevated and worrying about how to make ends meet should really be resolved by the people's government. How do they work to serve the benefits of every family and not just in winter but all of the time?

Unemployment benefits are not reserved for those who choose to do nothing.

I realize some may cheat the system, as I mentioned in my prior article about food stamps every system created seems to have loopholes. But, the reason why it is designed in the first place is to establish a net for those who fall out of the favor of capitalism to get back on their feet and continue working.

Without these social and economic policies we would not have, as a nation, been able to recover from some of the worst periods our country has stood against.

Our country is so new in perspective and has experienced so many declines that it is a wonder we are still managing without more reforms like this.

Nearly every other country emphasizes working collectively to resolve issues.

The United States must ponder this idea or we will not stand to face the future. Taking these steps will help us work together in creating a better future. I believe Congress must keep this precedent alive for the coming new year.

Erika Hayden is a sophomore communications major and the liberal columnist for The Westfield Voice.

Horoscopes

Games & Leisure

Maze

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)

There is a place in Denmark that has your name carved in ice. The stars cannot determine their exact coordinates, but you should go on a journey there this week to find it. Bring only what you feel you must.

Libra
(September 23 - October 22)

What is the scenario? We are not sure what the scenario is. The scenario is what goes. Lo and behold, the scenario is all right. The scenario is exactly what it is, though. No, you are not the scenario.

Taurus
(April 21 - May 21)

Everything is completely pointless and arbitrary, and it is up to you to make some meaning out of this mostly empty space we call our universe. You have yourself and whatever else you wish to deem real.

Scorpio
(October 23 - November 21)

The horoscope will not be televised. It will tell you that your family will be extra meaningful this week. It will tell you to wear blue slippers. The horoscope will not be televised. The horoscope will be live and in full color.

Gemini
(May 22 - June 21)

Your existence is unprecedented. In the coming week, treat yourself as the only one of your kind, as opposed to the rest of the lemmings that make up our world that you will one day crush underneath your powerful feet.

Sagittarius
(November 22 - December 21)

If Fuzzy Wuzzy was an ox instead of a bear, it would make no difference on your oncoming week. Stay the course and be strong in the ace of all rhyming adversity.

Cancer
(June 22 - July 22)

Try and wash off the odor of failure from your back and instead bathe in perfumes of success. Now, you can't afford any of those yet, but one day this will be possible, the stars assure you.

Capricorn
(December 21 - January 20)

There is a live wire in your head that is shooting off sparks of imagination. Before you get that checked and all fixed up, try to use this newfound creative energy to full effect.

Leo
(July 23 - August 23)

Run to her. Run to her this very moment as you read this, no matter where she is. Tell her how you really feel about her. You cannot hide your true feelings from the stars. Go now, and good luck.

Aquarius
(January 21 - February 19)

One-eyed Jack may be paying you a visit this Wednesday evening to give you presents of unknown and varying values. If you see a man in a pirate costume, do not under any circumstances challenge him to a game of chess.

Virgo
(August 24 - September 22)

Your coffee, the next time you drink it, will be warmer than usual. It will be so warm in fact that you will remember this horoscope when you drink it. You are going to remember this horoscope.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 - March 20)

The Internet will tell you everything you need to know this week. Do whatever it tells you to do, no matter how suspicious or odd. It is the Internet, everything it says is true. It is almost as trustworthy as the stars.

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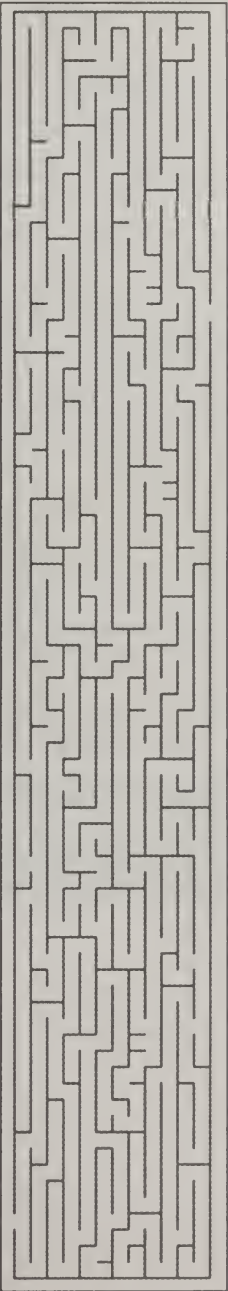
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


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The Westfield Voice

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2013

Liz Preston named interim president after Dobelle retirement accepted by trustees

Dr. Elizabeth Preston, who served as vice president of academic affairs, dean of faculty, and 13-year chair of the Communications Department, was serving as acting president since Oct. 16.

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Elizabeth Preston has been chosen as the interim president of Westfield State University after the board of trustees meeting on Nov. 25.

Preston has been serving as the acting president since the Oct. 16 meeting when Dr. Evan S. Dobelle was placed on administrative leave.

Dobelle retired from higher education on Nov. 8 after spending twenty-five years as the president of multiple institutions.

Preston was previously the vice president of academic affairs, and was serving in that role while serving in the role of acting president.

Marsha Marotta, dean of undergraduate studies, has been named the interim vice president of academic affairs until the position is filled again.

The ascent to the interim presidency was very quick and relatively unexpected for members on campus.

It was caused by the controversy surrounding Dobelle's spending and the inquiries from the board of trustees, the inspector general, and the attorney general, respectively.

The inquiry from the board of trustees was made public this past

summer and has caused negative publicity for the university.

The board of trustees received a report from O'Connor & Drew, the university's accounting firm, accusing Dobelle of spending money frivolously but without malicious intent.

The board accepted their report, however, the inspector general and the attorney general were beginning to launch their investigations.

After the trustees meeting, Richard Freeland, commissioner of higher education, asked him to answer certain questions regarding his spending habits by a definitive deadline.

Dobelle neglected to answer the questions by that deadline, instead asking Freeland for an 11th hour extension, a request that Freeland denied.

In response to Dobelle missing the deadline, Freeland suggested that funding assigned to the new science annex be suspended until he could ascertain that the situation at the university had improved.

Dobelle went on a public relations tour engaging students and faculty on many occasions to try to set his story straight.

At the Oct. 16 meeting of the board of trustees, Dobelle had been put on administrative leave with pay. The board also launched an investigation using all of the facts ascertained up to that point.

Many members on campus predicted this move.

Dobelle's next move was to launch lawsuits against the different players in this whole mess; the executive council of the board



Interim president Liz Preston.

of trustees, O'Connor & Drew, and the university itself were some of the plaintiffs of these many cases he launched.

When Dobelle retired, he accused the board of violating his contract by putting him on the leave.

His lawsuits were still kept on the table after his retirement, while Freeland, now assured that the university is back on the right track, withdrew his recommendation and the funds were restored.

Preston seems encouraged as she takes on this new role. In addition to her role as vice president of academic affairs, she served as dean of faculty from 2008 to 2012, and chair of the Communications department from 1995-2008.

Her tenure as acting president begins with funding for many ini-

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EMILY HANSHAW, Managing Editor

News from other schools

The Daily Collegian, U OF MASS., AMHERST

The Student Government Association discussed the football team's budget at their last meeting. Since their move up to D1, their monetary needs changed significantly.

The Harvard Crimson, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

The winners of the Undergraduate Council presidency and vice-presidency announced they would resign upon inauguration, but in a bizarre change-of-heart, the vice president-elect said he would not resign. He will now become the president.

The Daily Campus, UNIV. OF CONNECTICUT

The 13th ranked Men's Basketball team won in a buzzer beating against 15th ranked Florida this past Monday, 65-64.

The Daily Orange, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

A panel discussing the retracted fall issue of *La Voz*, a magazine dedicated to the Latino community at SU, drew 50 people looking for answers from administration.

Joshua Clark Editor-in-Chief

The Student Government Association met this past Tuesday in one of the last meetings of the semester.

Madame President Taylor Fote opened the meeting by first accepting the resignation of representative-at-large Adam Lamontagne. Lamontagne, a senior political science major, resigned in order to begin preparing for his term as a city councilor in the city of Chicopee.

She then reminded the senators to check out the AIDS Quilt in University Hall. Tom Durkee, representative for the class of 2014, worked to bring pieces of the quilt to campus.

If any groups wanted a private viewing of the quilt, they can contact Durkee who will help set that up.

Stone Koury, student trustee, told the senators about the hearing on student debt that will be held on Dec. 9 at Berkshire Community College. Members of the campus community are invited to attend the hearing and testify to legislators about the crushing burden of college loan debt. More information can be found by contacting Koury.

He also discussed the

Nov. 25 board of trustees meeting. They had four agenda items.

The first agenda item was supposed to be about the investigation that was launched into the financial activities of Dr. Evan S. Dobbelle, the former president, but the board did not entertain the item due to his resignation.

The second item was to appoint Dr. Elizabeth Preston to the position of interim president. She was serving as the acting president per the language of her contract, but was also serving in her capacity as the vice president of academic affairs. Marsha Marotta, dean of undergraduate affairs, has taken her position on a temporary basis.

Her appointment was approved unanimously.

The third item was to receive the 2013 audit of the university's finances; everything looked clear from the board's perspective. The fourth item was to begin the process for the finance subcommittee to review the credit card and travel policies.

Vice president of student life, Rebecca DiVico, reported that the SGA was able to purchase 101 turkeys for the Salvation Army thanks to the efforts of the senators' fundraising efforts.

Olivia Dumas, representative for the class of 2015 and co-chair of the Food Services Committee, told the senators about the Winter Banquet. This meal is similar to the Thanksgiving meal, which most students with a meal plan look forward to.

This year, appetizers will be served. Meal goers will receive a ticket, which will get them two spring rolls, two mac and cheese bites, and two mozzarella sticks.

The main course will be roast beef and ham, sweet potatoes, and other seasonal favorites. Dessert includes apple crisp, cream pies, and peppermint cakes. There will also be a bread bar.

Dumas reminded the senators that any glitches that are being experienced on diningatwsu.com are being worked out.

Steven Mailloux, representative-at-large, vocalized his concerns about the hours of operation for the various dining establishments on campus on the days students return from break. He said that he heard a lot of complaints from other students that wished the establishments opened earlier than 4:30 p.m., when Tim & Jeanne's opened.

He suggested that the Food Services Committee

look into the hours.

Andy McCormack, vice president of academic life, reported about an internship in China that is being offered to students.

It is open to graduating seniors, who would be going from August to June, working as teaching assistants or filling other positions that are open.

There is a stipend and the airfare is reimbursed. The internship is completely in English and there is a Chinese language and culture course that is being offered.

He also took feedback from the senators about the registration process. Any feedback from other members of the student body can be directed to vpacadem-clife.sga@westfield.ma.edu.

Josh Frank, vice president of finance, put forth a proposal from the Athletic Training Club to the senators. The club is looking to attend a networking conference in Connecticut in January. They were looking for \$1,734.90 and it was approved unanimously. The Finance Committee has \$8,975.75 remaining to give to clubs for various trips and expenditures.

Brittany Moniz, president of the class of 2014, announced that Senior Week

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Westfield State's online learning program is strong; 'gives students more flexibility'

Joey Cooper
Sports Editor

In the past decade, colleges across the country have seen substantial growth within their online learning as professors and students are beginning to interact in new and efficient ways.

Westfield State University is an institution that has answered the necessity of an expanded online education for current and prospective students.

Providing essential online classes gives students more flexibility with their schedules opening opportunities to work or intern on off campus sites.

Plato Learning, also referred to as Blackboard Learning, gives students and faculty a clean look at their courses with the capabilities of designing their own homepage layout to their specifications.

Those students who are fearful of getting lost amid the fast-moving classes are not alone when learning how to navigate online. They have the array of helpdesks and on site help including email and phone numbers available at the student's disposal.

For the second consecutive year, WSU was ranked in the top five (4th) by usnews.com in their rankings for the best online bachelor programs. The site ranked Westfield first in the country in faculty credentials and training, which measures how well the school prepares qualified instructors to teach remotely.

Winter and summer courses are available online to give students an alternate possibility to obtain credits aside from the fall

and spring semester. There are currently 33 online courses offered for the winter semester.

"With a full-time job, I don't have the time during weekdays to spend in the classroom," said Dan Korpita, who earned his Movement Science undergraduate degree from WSU in the class of 2012 and is currently enrolled as a graduate student.

Korpita, a resident of Northampton, Mass., wouldn't be able to further his graduate studies at the present time without the WSU online graduate program.

"If I wasn't enrolled online, I probably would have ended up just working part-time because of the time I would have had to spend on-campus," Korpita said.

WSU currently offers online bachelor's degrees in business, sociology, history, liberal studies, criminal justice, and psychology. The minor online programs include art, management, psychology, and sociology, with a rate per credit in all courses coming out to \$260.

There are currently 5,368 undergraduate, and 997 degree-seeking freshmen students attending WSU, according to CollegeBoard.com.

The school welcomed the largest incoming class in the fall 2013 semester with the numbers projected to only rise in the coming years.

The addition of University Hall, the biggest residential hall on Westfield's campus, proves the schools vision of expanding the number of students attending the four-year school.

As the student population is trending upward, students are hard pressed

to gain access to courses that have a full roster. Online courses have been able to relieve pressure from the school until potential new academic buildings as approved, including the \$48 million science building proposal that was reinstated.

Despite the notion that online courses alleviate pressure from administration, professors, and students, online learning is far different from in-class activity and is not for everyone.

"In the past, I took a couple online classes to open up my schedule, but since I wasn't spending time in class, I had a lot more work to do and taught myself basically everything."

Tyler Bernard, a senior business major at WSU who lives off campus, took a few intro classes as an underclassman to lessen the burden of commuting to school every day.

"If you do better learning from a teacher in-class, you're better off staying with the normal classes (in-class) then taking them online," said Bernard. "I think I could have benefited from lectures when it comes to learning the material."

The traditional class holds students accountable through their attendance, where online classes demand that students remain self-disciplined in doing the readings and learning the material within the allotted time provided to complete assignments and exams.

Online classes require students to be able to communicate their knowledge of the material through weekly assignments, thus creating a heavier workload in many classes.

With a strong faculty



Plato was revamped this year to provide a more robust atmosphere and more stable environment.

and thriving university to support, the only option for the future of online learning at WSU is to greatly improve each semester.

Multicultural Affairs Office looking for suggestions for the university's celebration of Black History Month

Jocelyn Herrera-Lazo
Voice Contributor

The word multicultural is synonymous with diversity.

According to the National Multicultural Institute, diversity is defined as "psychological, physical, and social differences that occur among any and all individuals, such as race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, economic, class, age, gender, sexual orientation, mental and physical ability, and learning styles. A diverse group, community or organization, is one in which a variety of social and cultural characteristics exist."

The office of Multicultural Affairs, in an effort to celebrate and showcase the diversity of our campus community, is planning events to coincide with nationally observed commemorative months.

This year they will be focusing on the following:

- February – Black History Month
- March – Month Celebrating Women
- April – Asian American Heritage Month
- May – Jewish American Heritage Month
- Sept-October – Hispanic Heritage Month
- November – Native American Heritage

Month

Next semester, they will start by celebrating Black History Month.

In the past, they have opened up the opportunity for faculty and staff to propose events that will make Black History Month a meaningful experience.

Last year, a few of the popular events that occurred during Black History Month were the Celebration of Jazz, the Honoring Afro-American Pioneers in Nursing, and the Diversity Training with Lee Mun Wah.

This year, Multicultural Affairs would like to also extend the invitation to propose events for Black History Month to students. Collaboration with fellow student organizations is encouraged.

Suggested events will be required to educate on Black History Month or Heritage through forums, discussions, lectures, or speakers.

As an example, programs or events that help promote diversity, inclusion and/or cultural awareness through poetry, cultural events, or films.

The goal of participating in nationally observed commemorative months is to promote diversity and inclusion on campus.

We anticipate that

engaging students in the planning process will generate a more meaningful experience for them at these events.

The Director of Multicultural Affairs, Waleska Lugo-DeJesus is thrilled that "all events, hosted and co-hosted by Multicultural Affairs, are open to all students.

These events are intended to promote an inclusive campus, encourage respect and responsibility and help students become better leaders on campus and within our communities."

The deadline for proposals for Black History Month events is Dec. 31.

All students, faculty and staff are urged to send in their proposals as soon as possible.

Proposal forms can be found in the Multicultural Affairs office, in the office of *The Westfield Voice*, or on westfield-voice.com.

Forms must be submitted to the Multicultural Affairs office in order to be considered.

We look forward to hearing all your great ideas for February!

Jocelyn Herrera-Lazo is the multicultural representative of the Student Government Association.

Alum is trying to make a positive impact on the world

Abigail Manzella
Voice Contributor

Westfield State University alum, Abigail Manzella '13, is well on her way to putting a meaningful dent in the world.

Wanting to improve the lives of those who are less fortunate, she teamed up with a group of other talented and ambitious young adults to create Bright Side.

Bright Side is based around a new idea of commerce.

Abby and her team are creating an online market where every day purchases will improve the lives of others.

This new way to shop is referred to as "consumerism with a purpose." Working together with organizations from all over the country, this

concept will soon be a reality.

Bright Side will be a platform to inspire other social entrepreneurs, as well as to support local businesses, causes, and charities.

Abby owes much of her hard work ethic to the Honors Program at Westfield State University.

"Working on my senior honors thesis really taught me about dedication, perseverance, and how to get creative and seek alternate routes when faced with a problem," Abby states.

If you are interested in learning more about Bright Side, go to www.BrightSideUS.com.

Enter your email address to receive updates as Bright Side develops!

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Get Hired is Connecticut's largest insurance and financial services career fair for college students. In January 2013, Get Hired gathered 22 regional, national, and globally recognized insurance and financial service companies to meet nearly 400 college students seeking opportunities in Connecticut's IFS industry. Students from academic institutions across Connecticut turned out to market their talents and 30 percent of attendees hailed from colleges and universities beyond Connecticut's borders.

The event returns this January 2014 at the Hartford Marriott Downtown - join us Jan. 6 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. to meet senior human resources recruiters and to stake your claim on a career in Connecticut's IFS industry.

Registration for Get Hired is now live - don't miss this invaluable opportunity to market your talents and expand your professional network. But don't take it from us... hear from those who Got Hired.

For more information about **Get Hired**, or to learn how your organization can participate, contact Mia Przybyla-Irons via mpirons@metrohartford.com or go to <http://www.connecticutifs.com/ifs-workforce/get-hired.aspx>.

"Life is about choices—and I chose to inspire others."

Westfield State alum hopes to inspire by publishing storybook

Ariana Williams
Voice Contributor

A 23 year-old alum of Westfield State University is now in the process of publishing her first children's book. However, this is no ordinary children's book, nor is she an ordinary young woman. Katherine Kraver, now an elementary school teacher, has a goal to enlighten and inspire.

She says she was motivated to write a children's book because of her experiences studying abroad with WSU. Visiting many schools and refugee camps in Jordan, she was inspired to educate the world about aspects of life in a foreign country many individuals are unaware of. She says she was so empowered by the families and children in refugee camps; she compiled their stories and facts into a story of her own. Her goal was to show the faith, and positivity, displaced families maintain in order to remain hopeful in their unfamiliar situations. She says, "I want my readers to build a connection with my characters and feel empowered to remain strong and optimistic throughout life."

When commenting about her travels to Jordan, Katherine says, "I mostly was able to gain my own perspective on Middle Eastern people. What I was able to conclude was that Middle Eastern people are the most welcoming, compassionate, and genuine individuals. As a teacher, I want to teach the right perspective; not stereotypes or what the media tells us to think."

Ultimately, her goal in writing this book was to help engage learners about

the world we live in. Katherine has a strong passion for teaching, and has been teaching at Philip G. Coburn Elementary School in West Springfield for two years. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education at WSU. "Everything I do, I do for my students," she says.

Her first book, *It Was Just a House*, is in the process of being published. The target audience for this book consists of children 9 years of age and above, including high school students. However, her writing does not end here. Katherine is now writing her second book in light of her experiences studying abroad in Costa Rica. One of her many goals in life is to publish one book per year.

Katherine's experience as a teacher has influenced her enthusiasm to continue traveling to foreign countries. "We have many English Language Learners at my school," Katherine says. "They inspire me to travel to foreign countries, some of their homelands, in order to challenge myself as an individual and teacher. Also, to understand my students better."

Katherine has an extensive history of contributions to society and efforts to make a difference in the world. Dr. Trudy Knowles, a member of the Education faculty at WSU, had the liberty of having Katherine as a student in an education class. An experience in this class inspired Katherine to help develop a program for students with intellectual disabilities at Westfield State.

Katherine, Trudy Knowles, and others, traveled to the George Mason University, in Fairfax, VA.

There they attended the "Conference for Postsecondary Education for Students with Intellectual Disabilities." They met with senators, university presidents, and students with intellectual disabilities, to discuss the importance of the program. The dedication and perseverance of Katherine, and the individuals she worked with, led to the implementation of a "Special Admissions Opportunities" program at WSU in the Fall of 2013. When asked to comment on her experiences with Katherine, Dr. Trudy Knowles says Katherine "attacks everything she does with complete dedication and passion."

As a Kapa Delta Pi member, which is the International Honors Society in the Field of Education, Katherine performed required volunteer work at the Ronald McDonald House (RMH). This housing is for families with children awaiting major surgeries. Katherine constantly made donations, spent quality time, and devoted affection and attention to these families. Katherine's involvement in volunteer work is extensive, and still carries on today. In fact, she continues to work with the RMH since her volunteer work with Kapa Delta Pi.

Whilst working with the RMH, Katherine is also a volunteer on behalf of the Cinderella Project, which will be launching early 2014. For this project, Katherine collaborated with co-workers from Coburn Elementary, and co-workers from another local school, to donate hundreds of gently-used formal dresses and tuxedos. The RMH will be selling these items at low costs to disadvantaged



Westfield State alum Katherine Kraver is in the process of publishing her first book, *It Was Just a House*.

teens in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Teens will be eligible to win prom gift packages, which include salon accommodations like hair styling, manicures, and pedicures. Many salons have already contributed discounted prices for these teens.

Katherine is also a mentor for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, which is the nation's "premier donor and volunteer-supported youth mentor organization". She has worked with Habitat for Humanity, volunteering for clean-up after the tornado in Monson, Massachusetts. She has also raised money and participated in annual walks for organizations like Autism Speaks and Rays of Hope.

Perhaps the most independent volunteer work Katherine has done would be her Random Acts of Kindness. In honor of the victims of the school shooting in Newtown, Conn., Katherine carried out 27 acts of kindness. She was deeply affected by the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School, as she emphasized with the feeling of responsibility teachers have. Her

acts of kindness included leaving money in children's books at the library, tipping one-hundred percent on restaurant bills, and giving the Ingleside Mall's Santa a gift card to Starbucks. She says, "Life is about choices, and I choose to make a difference and inspire others."

Upon every act of Katherine's kindness, she left a card for those she had blessed. In every card, she wrote a quote which would impact her community more than she had known. She quoted Princess Diana in every card she had given, writing, "Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you."

Her gifts to the community were so strong, members of surrounding communities, who were recipients of these acts, contacted Katherine via e-mail. They expressed their appreciation and gratitude for such a movement to be started. Katherine then began to share her acts of kindness on the Sandy Hook Facebook page. As a result, she was contacted

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Opinions & Editorials

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RACE RUGH, Editor

The Conservative View: Better call Kenny Loggins, Uncle Joe, because you're entering the 'danger zone.'

Matthew Carlin
Asst. Managing Editor
Voice Columnist

Now I don't want to disappoint you, but you won't find any Biden jokes in this week's column.

Frankly, he writes better ones himself! Now, the issue we have with Mr. Vice President Biden yet again involves his mouth.

In the last week, our vice president visited China to ease tensions in the current fiasco with some uninhabited islands in the Pacific Ocean, or if you're from China, the "East Chinese Sea."

I really don't care what you call it, because a name is a name, however geographically it's located in what the world recognizes as the Pacific Ocean in the northeastern hemisphere.

China and Japan have been in a chest-beating contest in which they try to act all tough toward one another. Historically, Japan has claimed these islands for years. However, recently China has laid claims to these uninhabited islands and has prepared to back up that

claim "with force if necessary."

Really China? I mean really? These islands have legitimately no strategic value whatsoever (unless you're a conspiracy theorist and believe they have nukes hidden there or something).

Japan has begun a series of military exercises since these claims; however they seem to have been coincidental preplanned drills.

Since the pirate crisis in Somalia, the Japanese navy has had restrictions lifted off its battleship deployment from past US-Japanese treaties and have launched naval ships into the Pacific Ocean.

However, it would seem that all this chest-bumping has turned a more dramatic turn with China throwing up a "military defense no fly zone" over these islands.

Of course let me be clear, China is in no position to hold up to any modern aerial war. Despite having the world's largest population... they really don't have the technology or the armaments to pose any immediate threat to our Raptors or even our

old super hornets.

China has just recently launched its first aircraft carrier... do they really plan on defending two islands with that?

Enough talking about China; let's get to what Biden said. He told the Chinese officials that the United States does not recognize the no fly zone and has had undeclared military aircrafts flown by both US and Japan forces through the zone without following China's policies.

China has responded by scrambling jets to monitor the "foreign" planes entering its zone. Let's not forget that South Korea has sided with the US and Japan, since it too has a submerged rock in the "East China Sea."

Biden has reassured



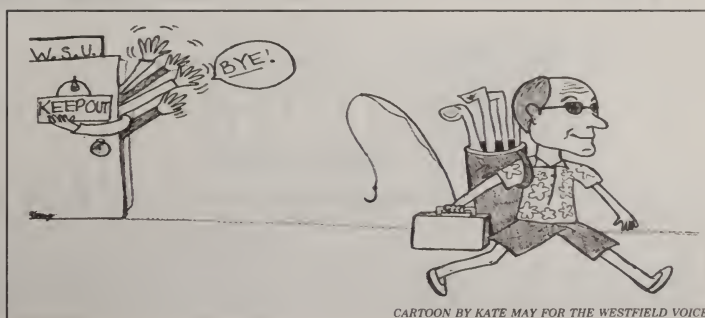
Map of the area in question.

both Japan and South Korea of our standing alliance position with both countries and had even stopped in Tokyo to personally reaffirm the position.

It was not, however, the only thing Biden did while in Asia. Biden has been reported by numerous news networks like BBC News and CNN of encouraging the Chinese population to

"challenge the status quo" and to "rise up against officials and religious leaders."

Which obviously was not the message of "peace and cooperation" that Biden said was his mission to encourage between the two nations. Chinese state media jumped at Biden's remarks as "error- see CARLIN on page 18



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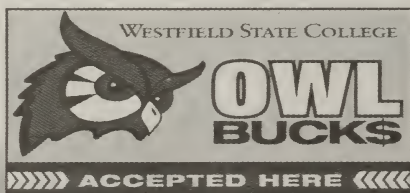
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From the Editor's Desk

Black Friday is a black eye on the face of society. Not only is it an obnoxious and annoying topic of news coverage, but it is the exact reason why Americans are in such a credit card crisis.

I do not understand Americans' fascination with Black Friday at all.

Thanksgiving is supposed to be a holiday that is spent giving thanks for all of the things that we have in our lives: freedom, roofs over our heads, and food on our tables. We are supposed to come away from Thanksgiving with an appreciation for material items, not an obsession.

So what is the natural thing for Americans to do on the next day? Shop until they drop. Really?

Americans spend copious amounts of money that they do not have buying toys and electronics that will be obsolete by the time that January 1, 2014 comes around.

Credit cards get maxed out, stores get looted, and people shove each other just to get the iPad or Ferby for their bratty kid that does not know the value of a dollar.

I do not understand how anybody could possibly want to spend their cold Friday morning waiting in lines trying to get the same sales that they can just as easily get a week or even two weeks after Black Friday.

Or at the very least, why don't they just wait until Cyber Monday when they can wake up at a decent hour and shop from their bed in their pajamas. Seems a little more intelligent to me.

Dobelle in Sunday Republican

Evan Dobelle made an appearance in the *Sunday Republican* this past week. In the "Cries and Whispers" section, the newspaper asserts that this univer-

sity's website offers an "ostrich-eye view of the Evan S. Dobelle drama."

It said, "Dobelle's travails... might have been news across the state, but not on the school's website."

It goes on to explain that the president's section of the website featured Preston's photo with Dobelle's photo in the president's gallery merely sporting a caption that read, "Evan S. Dobelle, 2008-2013."

Let me explain something to the *Sunday Republican*.

The purpose of any university's website to recruit incoming freshmen to apply and hopefully attend.

It is purposefully supposed to be candy and rainbows about how the university is "private quality, public value," and how the school is the "complete university experience," and how the city is "our home."

Why in the world would the university plaster their website with a damaging controversy that has been an embarrassment for two-and-a-half months?

Better yet, why would the university make a big deal when the president retires amidst a scandal?

If people want to hear the "facts" of the story, they would turn to the newspapers and news sources that have had a field day reporting on this. I just do not know what they were getting at with publishing that in their section.

There is nothing else to report now that there is an interim president in place and the fire that this story has become is now in its final embers. Yet the *Sunday Republican* still finds some sort of fluff to put in about a man who has already been attacked enough.

I think it is time to find some-



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thing else to report on.

On a Personal Note

I am so happy that there is one week left until classes end. As far as I am concerned, I only have one essay to turn in during finals week and I plan on emailing that in so I will be out of here on Dec. 13.

This semester has been very stressful, to put it mildly, and I know that it has been the same way for many other students on this campus.

For me, I am taking six classes, editing this newspaper, sitting as a representative-at-large on the Student Government while sitting on three-ish committees, acting as vice president of the Republican Club, all while working 25 hours at my job at a grocery store.

Why my hair has not fallen out by now, I will never know. I'm pretty sure that I am running on adrenaline at this point.

I am writing this little bit here

to encourage my fellow students to keep plugging. This semester will be over before you know it, and then we will have a month or so off.

I know for me, I relax for the first week or so of Winter Break, but I am just anxious to get back to class and begin the new semester.

We will be having an issue coming out next week, so look for that while you are studying for your finals! We all appreciate your continued support of our "little" student newspaper.



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Gentlemen's Weekly: How to nail dates with your significant other this winter

Josh Minardi
Voice Columnist

For this week, I would like to do a sort of follow-up to a previous article of mine. Back in September, I wrote an article about fall date ideas.

While I still stick to my idea that fall is the most romantic season, winter is a close second.

The winter season takes much of the work out of creating romance because the elements are already in place, to some extent or another.

Think about it; we naturally are feeling less guarded and cynical and we are primed for bonding and cozy intimacy. With a beautiful backdrop of holiday lights and decorations, there is a high level of magic and romance in

the air. All you need to do is take advantage of it. And here are eight easy ways to do just that.

The first idea is simply looking at holiday lights and yard ornaments. While this may seem corny and old fashioned, the warm twinkle of the lights will fill you and your special someone's heart aglow, and will give you both the childlike feeling of magical possibilities.

Most towns have hot spots for Christmas light decorations. Many parks will put out massive displays, which can be enjoyed for free (or for a small fee). Some neighborhoods even compete to see which house can create the best display.

After you map out where you will be going, create a holiday mix that you can enjoy while driving around. You can never

go wrong with the classic holiday crooners like Bing Crosby, Johnny Mathis, and Frank Sinatra. The final touch to this would be a thermos full of thick, delicious, hot chocolate. Your date's heart will melt.

A fine local place to enjoy a lights display is "Bright Nights," an event hosted in Forest Park, between the border of Springfield and Longmeadow. For further information, go to www.brightnights.org.

Holiday baking is another great one. Everyone loves baked goods, and when the house or apartment fills with the smell of fresh baked goods during the holiday season, it is truly special.

Holiday baking is a fantastic date idea because it gives you the chance to work with your significant other on a shared task.

Which isn't just fun, but it strengthens your bond and connection with them. And you even get a delicious treat when you're done!

To keep this date simple, stick with making one kind of cookie; in my house, it is always anginetti cookies, a traditional Italian treat flavored with anise extracts and vanilla.

I grew up watching my parents make these together, and I have continued the trend, making them with my significant others (when I am lucky enough to have one during the holidays).

Invite your loved one over to your place, turn up the holiday tunes, and start whipping up a batch.

Ice-skating, while not a favorite of mine (unless I'm playing hockey), is a very romantic activity. Between the hand-holding and the full body embraces needed

to keep one-another from "accidentally" falling, you'll have plenty of opportunities to strengthen the physical and emotional bond with your date.

For those of you who celebrate Christmas, decorating your tree can easily be very romantic. A Christmas tree will infuse your date with the sights, lights, and smells of Christmas. It's a holiday date trifecta.

Start the date off by taking your special someone to a tree farm to pick out your tree. When you get home with it, play some Bing Crosby, sip some eggnog, and start decorating. If you have childhood ornaments, share some of the memories associated with them with your date. (They'll

see MINARDI on page 18

Black Friday was sheer chaos this year

Kylie Isenberg
Voice Contributor

Black Friday refers to the day after Thanksgiving.

On this day, thousands of shoppers go out to find door-busters and unbeatable deals.

Some stores are required to stay closed all day on Thanksgiving; therefore they open around 1am on Friday.

I work at Target and the line wrapped around the store hours before the doors open. I was scheduled to work at 12:05 a.m. this year

and the store did not open until one.

At 12:05 a.m. there were two long lines of customers on both sides of the entrance. Customers feel that everything is on sale on Black Friday.

Sure, there are really good bargains, but not ones worth the crowd and wait, in my opinion.

The only items that are worth the wait are large electronics such as iPads and TVs. This year, the iPads remained the original price, however shoppers

were given a \$100 gift card to Target.

It sounds amazing to shoppers because it is free money; however the next time they go shopping chances are they are going to spend well over \$100.

To Target, this gift card makes sense—since Apple reimburses them back no matter what, and they then make profit on every dollar spent past the \$100.

Black Friday is more of a psychological thing than anything.

People think that every item is on sale, how-

ever the only good deals are movies and large electronic purchases. Clothes, at Target, stay the same price: maybe you can save \$1 or \$2 per shirt, but nothing worth waiting in the cold for.

I personally have never gone Black Friday shopping since I work retail.

Retail jobs make it mandatory for their workers to work since it is one of the busiest days of the year.

This year, my store made over \$70,000 the first hour the store was

open.

This money was made between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. In total the store made almost a million dollars that day. This is the most money the store has made in one day in the twelve years that it has been open.

Some may hate working Black Friday, however I find it very entertaining and it makes the day fly by. I recommend people to only go shopping on this day if they have large purchases such as a TV or laptop.

From 'The Voice' Vault

Bates Hall Dedicated in Outdoor Ceremony

This article was published in the October 1964 issue of Westek.

Westek Staff

The new academic building, now officially named Bates Hall, was dedicated on Thursday, October 1, in an impressive outdoor ceremony. Presiding over the affair was Dr.

John Gillespie, director of the division of State Colleges.

The dedication ceremony opened with an invocation given by Reverend Chandler W. Gilbert, Pastor of the First Congregational Church in Westfield, followed by the Glee Club's rendition of "Since All Is Passing" by Hindesmith. Westfield's Mayor, Mr. Harold G. Martin, then extended greetings from the city and Dr.

Theresa J. Lammers spoke on behalf of the faculty.

Mrs. Helen Cowing, president of the Alumni Association, also spoke, as did Sheridan Carey, president of Student Government.

Once the preliminaries were over, Mr. Phillip Driscoll, chairman of the State College Board of Trustees, gave the dedicatory address.

Immediately thereafter was

the unveiling of a plaque honoring William Gelston Bates (1803-1880), whose efforts were instrumental in brining the state college to Westfield.

Members of the Bates family, honored guests at the dedication, were then introduced to those present, after which the singing of "Westfield Forever" and the "Alma Mater" by the Glee Club brought the afternoon's program to an end.

Education majors have mixed feelings about graduating on time

This letter was published in the December 10, 2001 issue of The Campus Voice.

Adrienne Lamplough

Assistant Editor

Westfield State Education Majors and students working towards their education certification have mixed expectations about the ability to graduate in four years where some feel it's attainable but others feel it's very difficult.

"It is possible to graduate in four years, but it's not if you just take 15 credits a semester. I don't know if it's possible to student teach and graduate within the four years," said senior Jason Renslow, an English major who is also working towards his secondary education certification.

"Students can graduate on time if they select their courses carefully for their major," said Richard Frank, Education Department Chair. "Many people do I, so yes it's possible."

Students that might have a difficult time graduating within four years are freshmen that don't declare education as their

major until sophomore year and transfer students, said Frank. Theses students may have taken course that fulfill their requirement for credits but not for their major.

"The courses that are offered meet the state's requirements," said Frank.

It may be possible to repeat some of the same content in different classes, said Frank. The intent is to introduce and build upon new material offered in earlier courses.

Some students said that much of the material in education classes is the same though. "I don't think that they require too much, although a lot of it is repetitive," said Renslow.

It is the same ideas over and over again, said Renslow. Equity and Education and Schools and America are two classes that could be combined.

"Research Methods in Education is a great class which is absolutely necessary," said Renslow. "The bottom line is to have Education majors spend more time in front of a class before they head out to student teach."

Other education students said that while the material

may seem repetitive, there is still something that can be taken from each class. "It is difficult to get the requirements done in four years but I don't feel the requirements are unreasonable," said senior Katie Ponte, an elementary education major. "I feel that every education class I've taken has been useful to me."

"There are classes that are similar but no two classes are exactly the same," Ponte said. "You get something new out of every class you take."

Not every student that is studying to be a teacher is an education major, Frank said. "I'd like to make it clear what is considered to be an education major. Education majors are elementary, early childhood and special education," said Frank.

Secondary education is not an education major.

For example, a student might major in History and get a certification for secondary education. Education majors are seeking licenses to teach and need to have a second major, said Frank.

At some colleges and universities, students in certain majors get breaks from the core to

ensure they will be able to finish major requirements in time. Boston College allows its nursing majors to cut the foreign language core requirement. Some education students at WSC have said the core is important though, and they shouldn't be treated differently that students in other majors.

"If you start letting one major get a break on the core, it would start a lot of controversy," said Ponte. "If you set a core for the whole college, you should make the whole college follow it."

Core courses should be necessary for everyone. It is a very important part of college, it allows students to communicate about different things in the real world, said Renslow.

"For me it's not just about getting good grades but being able to go out into the world as an educated human," Renslow said.

"Students get breaks if they choose classes that are for their major and for their core," said Frank. Under the core that was put into place in the Fall of 1998, students are allowed to "double dip" and take core classes the also count for their major.

Arts & Entertainment

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as of Dec. 4, 2013

Top 10 Singles

1. Lorde - Royals
2. Eminem - The Monster
3. Miley Cyrus - Wrecking Ball
4. OneRepublic - Counting Stars
5. Avicii - Wake Me Up
6. Imagine Dragons - Demons
7. Katy Perry - Roar
8. Pitbull ft. Ke\$ha - Timber
9. Drake ft. Majid Jordan - Hold On, We're Going Home
10. Passenger - Let Her Go

Top 5 Albums

1. Eminem - Marshall Mathers LP
2. Five Finger Death Punch - The Wrong Side Of Heaven And The Righteous Side Of Hell: Volume 2
3. Various Artists - NOW 48
4. The Robertsons - Duck The Halls: A Robertson Family Christmas
5. Various Artists - The Hunger Games: Catching Fire

Top 5 Movies

1. The Hunger Games: Catching Fire
2. Frozen
3. Thor: The Dark World
4. The Best Man Holiday
5. Homefront

Upcoming DVDs

1. The Wolverine
2. The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones
3. The Smurfs 2
4. Drinking Buddies
5. Argo

The Beatles' 'White Album' celebrates its 45-year anniversary

J.R. Nieb
Voice Reporter

Nov. 22 marked the 45th anniversary of the Beatles' ninth studio album, The White Album, which was their only double album.

The album was written and recorded while the band was having troubles after they went to the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in India and in early 1968, where they had a productive writing session.

The album reached #1 on the charts in both the US and the UK and sold over 20 million copies, and it went platinum in Britain in September 2013.

In 2003, the album was ranked #10 in Rolling Stone magazine's list of the "500 Greatest Albums of All Time."

When the Beatles went to the studio to record the album between May 1968 and October 1968, the members were driven apart because of conflict and disagreements with one another.

Paul McCartney played the drums for two tracks (as well as every other instrument on "Back in the U.S.S.R.") on the album because Ringo Starr left the band for a short period of time.

Not every member of the band contributed to all of the songs on the album.

The BEATLES

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Some of the tracks were solo recordings because each of them wanted to show their own talents to people across the world.

Adam Forziati, a senior communications major at Westfield State University, said that he has "always been drawn to this particularly-quirky Beatles album."

"I would have to say my favorite song would be a contest between 'Wild Honey Pie' and 'Martha My Dear,'" said Forziati, "Although it is a challenge to choose even two favorites."

Forziati commented that he liked the different directions the lengthy release endeavors to take and how the album still manages to tie together.

"You know none of these songs could not be on another Beatles album," said Forziati. "I would rank

it number two."

Tim O'Malley, a sophomore special education major at Westfield State University, stated that "The White Album is one of the All Time Classics."

"I can't pick one favorite song off the album," said O'Malley, "So I narrowed it down to four; 'Rocky Racoon,' 'Helter Skelter,' 'Blackbird,' and 'While My Guitar Gently Weeps.'"

O'Malley said that he "[likes] that it's one of the classic boundary pushing Beatle albums [because] you can't put the album into one musical category, it's a mix of everything."

"I have heard that 'Back in the USSR' was a spoof of The Beach Boys, 'Rocky Racoon' was a spoof of Bob Dylan, and 'Helter Skelter' was a spoof of The Who," said O'Malley.

O'Malley said that he rates it in his top five favorite Beatles albums "If I could change one thing about the album, I'd get rid of 'Revolution 9,'" said O'Malley. "That song scares me when I hear it and I'm alone in a

dark room." O'Malley also said that he dislikes songs like 'Piggies' and 'Honey Pie' because they make the album seem less serious.

"The White Album is in my opinion, one of the greatest albums ever made," said John Schofield, a sophomore business major at Westfield State University. "Though not as good Sgt. Pepper's or Abbey Road."

"The fact that 'While My Guitar Gently Weeps,' 'Dear Prudence,' 'Blackbird,' 'Revolution,' and 'Glass Onion' are on the same album is simply astonishing," said Schofield.

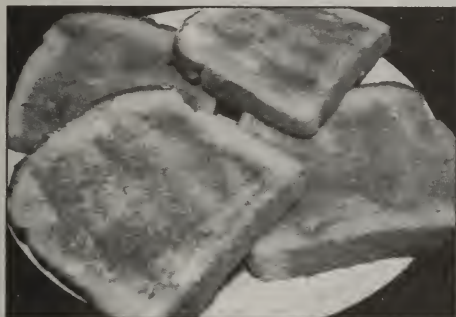
Schofield also proclaimed that the song, "While My Guitar Gently Weeps," which featured Eric Clapton on lead guitar, "is the single most inspiring song in [his] life."

"After listening to it, I not only heard Clapton for the first time," said Schofield, "but also one of the most inspirational rock guitar solos of all time."

Schofield, a guitarist himself, said that after he listened to it he picked up the guitar and never looked back.

Schofield said he would not change a thing about the album, which he considers "holy" because it's "a mix of brilliant classic rock songs and weird experimental crap" that he enjoys very much.

Knowing to Cook: The Quest For The Perfect Piece of Toast



Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

My younger brother Connor has always been eccentric. He is almost twelve years old now and is still an unstoppable ball of energy. One of the great things about my brother, however, is his determination to succeed. Once he sees something he wants, or has an idea for a new project, he

will focus on it until he has successfully completed the task.

A few years ago, when my brother was about nine or ten years old, he set out to discover the proper amount of time it takes to create the perfect piece of toast. This desire had stemmed from years of not being allowed to work with the stove when we would make big family breakfasts on the weekends; he

had always been on toast duty. He decided that if he was going to be in charge of toast, then he would make the best toast ever.

So, on a beautiful Saturday morning, my brother took a loaf of sliced bread, sat himself in front of the toaster, and began his quest. The criteria he had set were that the bread was to be golden brown on both sides with no burn marks anywhere.

Connor sat in front of the toaster all morning, constantly rearranging the toasting time. He went through two whole loaves of sliced bread until the perfect piece of toast was complete. The time clocked in to create the perfect piece of toast was 3 minutes and 25 seconds.

Connor was very proud of himself and hastily reported to everyone in the household that he had: "Made the greatest discov-

ery of the age!" Ever since, Connor has made perfect toast for our weekend family breakfast. With every golden piece that pops out of the toaster, Connor proudly proclaims that we should "thank him for this wonderful creation."

Recently, Connor has suffered a slight setback in his toasting mission. The toaster that yielded those golden brown phenomena has passed away, due to an electrical malfunction that may or may not have set it on fire. We have a new toaster oven, which is different from the toaster Connor used to create his perfect toast.

As far as I know, Connor has not yet attempted to recreate his success with this new toaster. However, he remains as determined as ever to discover the proper amount of time it takes the new toaster oven to create

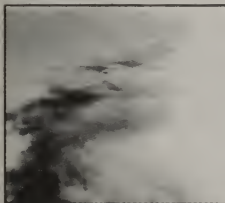
the perfect piece of toast. (I've always been inspired by my brothers creativity and determination.) Siblings are supposed to bring out the best in each other, while annoying the crap out of each other at the same time. It truly is a fascinating exchange.

This week, rather than giving you a recipe, I encourage you to go and create your own. Have the creativity and determination like my brother to go and perfect something you've been working on for a while; whether it is food related or not. Don't worry, there will be a big and wonderful recipe for you all next week!

Buona Tavola!

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Golden Gray by Duchess Leo is "great music to relax and think to"



Lyndon Seitz
A&E Editor

Duchess Leo: Golden Gray – This is some great music to relax and think to, and you'll probably find yourself getting lost in it as much as I did. It is music with a slight electronic edge to it (although perhaps edge isn't the best word, it's very easy on the ears throughout), but it is really the strings that stood



out most to me during my listen, and they were wonderful. I would recommend this album to those who really want to wind down and remove some stress in their lives, because that it exactly what it will do.

Eddie Cohn: Stay With Me – Here is some nice rock music that seems to be a little in the style of Radiohead (without the electronic effects). The soft, at times raspy vocals do the songs justice and every-

thing is very easy to listen to. Some tracks that I would suggest listening to before buying the whole thing are "Feel The Water" and "Watch You (Walk Away)." I'm reluctant to give it a full recommendation, however, for the reason that it did very little to stand out from among the rest of what is out there already.

Eddy Current Suppression Ring: Rush To Relax – This album is punk rock influenced and overall it isn't all that great. The riffs are repetitive (and not in the good way punk rock can pull off at its best), and the vocals were jarring to my ears, making me wonder if it was all on purpose. Strangely enough, the album ends with what is perhaps twenty minutes of am-

bient sounds from the beach of all things. It's nice, but it can be found elsewhere, just like you can find better music elsewhere. There is no reason to get this.

Elsinore: Yes Yes Yes – This was an absolute treat and blast to listen to. The band is rock that reminds me of Phoenix in a way, but with a lot more energy (or less, in a good way, on a few tracks). This band is doing everything right, and they know how to write a hook as good any you'd hear on the radio. The vocals rise and fall just the way your ears will like it, and there is a sense that "Lines" and "Chemicals" are absolutely fantastic, as is the title track, although almost all the songs on this album are absolutely amazing. Go and

find this album and you're unlikely to be disappointed.

Spokes: Everyone I Ever Met -- There is an immensely strong resemblance to Arcade Fire here, right from the first track all the way through to the end, although the strings used in the music are probably their best definer and what I feel stands out in their music. That being said, it is an excellent album, and the sound will absorb you for the length of the album, which I recommend listening to all at once (it may sound to you like the album is one continuous take, and I give great credit to the album for that fluidity). Overall, it's definitely worth checking out and listening to.

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Owls Sports

Men's Basketball beats WNE, loses to top ranked Amherst to move to 4-2 on the season



The Owls played top ranked and defending National Champions Amherst Tuesday at Woodward and held their own early, but eventually fell to the Lord Jeffs. Amherst's Aaron Toomey finished with a career high 37 points in the victory.

Andrew Burke
Layout Editor

The Owl's men's basketball team has played two games since the last edition of The Voice was published and they have fared as many would have expected. The team has yet to play a road game and has dropped two of their past three contests.

The first game was on Tuesday, Nov. 26 against the Golden Bears of Western New England. Two scoring runs aided the Owls in their 70-53 win over local rival WNE. Juniors Jordan Santiago and Grant Cooper led the team to victory again. Playing all around games helps to keep teammates involved and brings

the team together. Cooper finished two points and three assists short of a triple double.

The 2-4 Golden Bears finished only 28% from the field on 17-60 shooting and 22% in the second half and now sit at 2-4 on the young season.

Senior Carl Stewart scored 11 points in his fourth game of the season and added two blocked shots, leading to WNE poor shooting percentage. Robby Jones finished with 13 off of the bench and Junior Dan Tessier added nine on 2-6 from the field and 3-4 from the free throw line.

Starting slow has been a common theme for this team, but they have been able to overcome that with

tough defense so far in the season. Westfield fell behind 13-6 eight minutes into the game but was able to take a 27-19 lead after a 13-0 run, sparked by Stewart's blocks. They led 31-27 at the intermission.

The Owl's second run came four minutes into the second half, leading by two, 36-34. They pulled off a 17-2 run in the next five minutes to take a 53-36 lead with 11:09 remaining in the game. WNE was able to cut the deficit to 10 at the 7:22 mark, but Westfield was able to hold off the come back with steals by Tessier and Santiago leading to five quick points off of turnovers.

Westfield finished 45 percent from the field and

40 percent 3 in the game.

The men's teams played Amherst College and the reigning Division III player of the year in Aaron Toomey on Tuesday, Dec. 3. Knowing that they would have to start strong against top ranked Amherst, Westfield held their own in the early part of the game.

The Owls led 14-13 with 11:32 left in the first half but gave up a 28-9 run between then and the 2-minute mark of the first half. Amherst led 41-25 at halftime. Westfield trailed for the entire second half and their largest deficit came at

the 14-minute mark, trailing 60-32.

Toomey finished the game with 37 points on 9 of 12 shooting. He had 18 points on 6-8 shooting from three and added 13-14 from the foul line.

Westfield's next two games are on the road against Wesleyan in Connecticut and Lyndon State in Vermont. It will be interesting to see how Westfield with adjust to their first two away games of the season and how they will respond to adversity without their familiar home crowd to support them.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, November 21st
M BBall vs. Regis College
W 71-57

Ice Hockey vs Fitchburg
State W 6-4

Saturday, November 23rd
W BBall vs Salve Regina

L 68-72 (OT)

W Swimming at Smith
L 123-172

M BBall vs Emmanuel
L 65-74

Ice Hockey vs. UMass Dartmouth
W 3-2

Tuesday, November 26th
M BBall vs Western New England
W 70-53

Ice Hockey vs Franklin
Pierre L 2-3

Tuesday, December 3rd
W BBall at ECSU L 46-53
M BBall at Amherst L 59-83

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, December 5th
Ice Hockey at Worcester
State 5:45 p.m.
W BBall at Lasell 7:00 p.m.
M BBall at Wesleyan
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 7th
W Swimming LEC Championships
11:00 a.m.
M/W Track at Springfield
College Invite 11:00 a.m.
Ice Hockey at Plymouth
State 2:00 p.m.

Monday, December 9th
M BBall at Lyndon State
7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 10th
W BBall at Smith College
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11th
M BBall vs Springfield
College 7:00 p.m.
Ice Hockey at Stonehill
College 7:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball loses to Salve Regina

Ryan Sances
Voice Reporter

(10 points, 10 rebounds) who both posted double-doubles.

Both teams shot only 50 percent from the free throw line (Westfield 9-18, Salve Regina 13-26). The Seahawks held the advantage in rebounds 52-42, but committed 23 turnovers.

With the loss, Westfield drops to 2-2 in the early stages of the 2013-2014 season.

The women next lace them up Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 7:00 p.m. against Smith College (1-3), in Northampton, MA. Smith is led by Rosa Drummond, who averages 15.3 points per game.

Westfield lost its only game against the Pioneers a season ago in an 82-60 loss. However they hope to tie up the series.

The Westfield State women's basketball team lost a hard fought game in their home opener against Salve Regina Nov. 23, falling 72-68 in overtime.

The Owls held the lead late in the fourth quarter, but a late 8-0 run by Salve Regina helped to force overtime. Salve Regina outscored Westfield 6-2 in the overtime to secure the win.

Sophomore guard Keri Doldoorian led the Owl attack with a team high 15 points. Junior guard Jen Ashton also had a strong day for the Owls, contributing 14 points. Up front, the Owls were led by forward Forbasaw Nkamebo (13 points, 11 rebounds) and center Gabby Felix

Owls are preseason favorites to win indoor track titles in 2014

WSU Athletic Department

The Westfield State Owls are the pre-season pick to win the 2013-14 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference men's and women's indoor track and field championship as selected by the league coaches.

On the men's side, the Owls received three out of four first place votes for 15 points and look to reclaim the indoor title from Bridgewater State, who earned the crown last season. Nabbing the final first place vote was Worcester State, who comes in second with 12 points. Last season's indoor champion Bridgewater State landed in third with eight points while Fitchburg State rounds out the list in fourth with five points.

Looking to repeat for

the women, Westfield State nabbed three of the first place votes to match the men with 15 points. Worcester State claims the final first place vote to give them 13 points and second place. Bridgewater State lands in the third spot with seven points while Fitchburg State comes in fourth with five points.

Last season, the Bridgewater State men's team claimed its first indoor title after collecting 195 points to outlast defending champion Westfield State, who finished second with 170 points.

The Westfield State women nabbed their fourth conference indoor title, gathering 228 points to best Worcester State, who had won the last three indoor meets.

The Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference, the nation's first Division III men's and

women's playing conference, has a rich and storied tradition of competitive success while celebrating excellence in the classroom.

MASCAC core member schools include Bridgewater State University, Fitchburg State University, Framingham State University, MCLA, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Salem State University, Westfield State University and Worcester State University.

Two other institutions, the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and Plymouth State University, are affiliate members of the conference in the sports of football and men's ice hockey, while Western Connecticut State University joined the conference as an affiliate member in football beginning in 2013-14.

It will be interesting to see if the Owls match the hype through the season.

Men's Ice Hockey splits games over break, leaving them at 3-5 on the season



The Owl's second leading scorer, Sophomore Kyllian Kirkwood, scored the first goal in the game against Franklin Pierce. The team lost the game 3-2, however.

Matt Stover
Voice Reporter

beat Massachusetts Athletic State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) rival UMass Dartmouth with 25 seconds left in the third period, and then lost 3-2 to Franklin Pierce to fall to 3-5 on the 2013 campaign.

Westfield sophomore Dalton Jay scored two goals less than a minute apart to tie the game up at two halfway through the second period, which powered Westfield in the win against the Corsairs of UMass Dartmouth.

Jay's first goal was on the main advantage off a beautiful cross-ice pass from sophomore P.J. McCadden finding the stick of Jay who put it just under the crossbar on the left side. Jay's second goal was a short-handed goal. The second year forward was relentless on the fore check and caused a turnover that resulted in a breakaway that found the back of the cage to knot the game at two, and excite the Owl faithful at Amelia Park Arena.

Senior defenseman Josh McCully cleaned up the garbage out in front of the net and beat the UMass goaltender with 25 seconds remaining to give the Owls the game-winning goal.

Dalton Jay was the man

who threw the puck on net, which gave McCully an opportunity to put the game away for the Owls.

Westfield improved to 3-1 in MASCAC play as they heavily outshot the Corsairs 46-26. Senior goaltender Eddie Davey registered 26 saves on 28 shots.

On Thursday night the Owl's struggled to get the puck out of their own end as Franklin Pierce picked up their first win of the season. Halfway through the second period, down by two, sophomore Kyllian Kirkwood found twine and brought the Owls within one with plenty of time left in the game.

Only 46 seconds later, freshman defender Mike Busconi, who was playing

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The Westfield State men's hockey team was unable to get to .500 this past week splitting their two home games. The Owls

Overthinking It

The BCS playoff system could not come at a better time for college football. Alabama may have lost an opportunity to win a 3rd consecutive championship, but it shows the necessity of a playoff.



Jameis Winston and the Florida State Seminoles are the number 1 team in the nation and the favorite to win the National Championship this season. However, next season's playoff will give more teams opportunities to win the championship.

Joey Cooper

Sports Editor

Following the completion of the 2013-2014 Division 1 FBS college football season, the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) will be left behind, terminating the most complicated post-season structure in all of sports.

Next season will feature a four-team playoff featuring two rounds to determine the national champion, putting the fate of the top ranked teams in their own

hands.

The teams that participate in the BCS National Championship game are derived from a complicated formula of multiple polls from coaches, writers across the country, and computers that determine the two most deserving teams.

Each football season since the BCS was established in 1998 has acted as a 12-game playoff where the goal to see the season's final game is simple, go undefeated.

This system has seen

its fair share of hiccups, including undefeated teams being snubbed from a bid to the dance and multiple one and two-loss teams crowding the top 5, all deserving of a chance.

Despite the known qualifications that are needed to earn an invitation to the National Championship, the BCS farewell season is sparking one of the most controversial discussions in regard to the prospective teams.

With Florida State

and Ohio State undefeated and heading into their conference championships games ranked 1 and 2, many observers across the country, particularly down south, believe Ohio State's 12-0 record to be insufficient of a chance at their first title since 2003.

Proponents of Southeastern Conference (SEC) teams argue the lack of quality wins for the Buckeyes, maintaining that one-loss teams like Auburn, Alabama and Missouri are more deserving of the chance to play Jimbo Fisher's Seminoles.

Regardless of what is unsettling to this population, the computer polls favor the two undefeated teams if they win their conference championship games.

Although the BCS has its flaws, there is no other team sport that enters its final day of the season including five teams with a chance to play in the championship game. This makes for great theatre in the BCS final act.

There is a very real possibility of an upset in the Big Ten Championship between No. 10 Michigan State and No. 2 Ohio State, leaving the remaining No. 2 spot possibly for the winner of the SEC championship game.

Atlanta will be the site for No. 5 Missouri and No. 3 Auburn, who could have the chance to extend the SEC rein over college football with an eighth consecutive National Championship.

Even though spectators, writers, coaches, and players are looking forward to the long awaited arrival of a playoff system to the sport, opening a four-game playoff will allow for even further debate.

With a ranking system still in place to determine the four most worthy teams to battle it out, that will leave at least five-plus creditable clubs out to dry, creating additional irritation among the college football community.

*Do you go to Owls Athletics events?
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Swimming Downs WNE

Haylee McQuay and the Women's swimming team powered their way to a 138-108 victory on Wednesday night



Junior Jess Lindsay completes the butterfly leg of the 400 individual medley. She finished second in that race and the 100 backstroke.

WSU Athletic Department

The Westfield State University women's swimming and diving team defeated Western New England

University, 138-108, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 4.

It was the first victory of the season in four starts for Westfield. WNEU is also 1-3.

Westfield had three double winners—senior cap-

tain Kirsten LaMotte (50 breaststroke, 100 breaststroke), freshman Anna Boucher (50 backstroke, 50 freestyle), and junior Kerry Sullivan (200 freestyle, 100 backstroke).

Sullivan and LaMotte also were members of the

winning 200 medley relay along with junior Holly Arel and sophomore Haylee McQuay. Arel earned first place points in the 100 butterfly and McQuay hit the wall first in the 100 freestyle.

Senior captain Katie

LaHive placed second in two events, the 50 and 100 freestyles.

Also finishing second in two events was junior Jess Lindsay in the 400 individual medley and the 100 backstroke. Their next meet is Saturday the 7th.

WSU Public Safety Crime Log: Oct. 29 to Nov. 18

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Nov. 21	0011 Courtney Hall	Drug Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 21	2246 Davis Hall	Drug Law Violation	Citation Issued
Nov. 22	1330-1215 Dining Commons	Larceny	Open
Nov. 22	1643 Lammers Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 22	1556 Lammers Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Summons
Nov. 22	1933 Apartment Courtyard	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 22	1542 Scanlon Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 23	0017 Dickinson Hall	Drug Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 23	0214 Commuter Lot	Suspended Driver's License	Arrest
Nov. 23	1400-1635 Commuter Lot	Larceny	Open
Nov. 23	1743 Commuter Lot	Liquor Law Violation	Summons/Trespass
Nov. 23	1842 Commuter Lot	Liquor Law Violation	Summons
Nov. 23	1842 Commuter Lot	Liquor Law Violation	Summons
Nov. 23	2335 Dickinson Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 23	2304 Scanlon Hall	Drug Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Nov. 24	0026 Scanlon Hall	Disturbing the Peace	Arrest
Nov. 24	1131 Lansdowne Place	Trespassing	Summons

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tatives that the university has been involved with, chief among them the development of the Institute of the Civic Learning and Democratic Involvement and the creation of a student retention survey.

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packets would be on sale soon. She also released the hosts of Mr. Westfield 2014: SGA president and 2014 treasurer Taylor Fote and SGA vice president of programming Steve Kligerman.

The "100 Days until Commencement" champagne toast will be held Feb. 6 in the Owl's Nest (open to seniors 21+ only) and Commencement Rehearsal will be May 9.

Rich Darrach, president of the class of 2015, announced two events that the class council will be putting on.

The first is a clothing drive to be held Dec. 11 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the second is the "Are You Smarter Than A First-Year?" event to be held the next day in the Owl's Nest.

The class of 2016 is now on Twitter, announced Ryan Losco, the class president. You can follow them @wsu2016.

The last meeting of the Student Government Association for the fall semester will be on Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

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by people from all over the world, thanking her for the inspiration. Her farthest email from an inspired individual came all the way from Australia. With her random acts of kindness, Katherine had made a difference in many people's lives.

When the movement Katherine had started was featured on WWLP 22

News, Katherine chose to remain anonymous. She says, "I have impacted complete strangers, but these strangers have equally impacted me, unknowingly. Fate brought us together."

Katherine has traveled to nine countries outside of the United States, including Ecuador, Haiti, and Panama. She spends her summers traveling to foreign countries in order to immerse herself in new cultures. Bringing new knowledge back into her classroom to share with her students is something she thoroughly enjoys, and she says she is devoted to using her worldly experiences to improve her teaching. She says, "My students are an inspiration for my travels, and my travels have become an inspiration for my writing."

One of Katherine's main cheerleaders for her journeys in life has been her father, Mark Kraver. He says, "Don't follow your dreams, chase them. That's what I tell my daughter." Katherine has more than taken her father's advice.

"Growing up, I was always told I could do anything I set my mind to. I was raised to understand that I will not get what I wish for, but rather what I work for," says Katherine. "I believe I have worked for what I have accomplished thus far. I am 23 years old, and sometimes I question if I have enough time to get done what I plan to do."

Katherine Kraver has already made numerous positive contributions to this world, but she is nowhere near finished. Her future plans and goals include "touching down" on all seven continents. She will be traveling to Africa in the summer of 2014, and she hopes to visit Europe, Antarctica, and Australia in the near future. She hopes to use the royalties generated from her first book to start a fresh food foundation for those in need. When asked about her outlook on her future, she says her overall

goal is to continue inspiring and motivating others.

"Everyone has the potential to make a difference; we are all capable of doing the impossible."

Not only has Katherine helped shaped the minds of her students, but she has made a significant impact on society with her volunteer work and overall generosity.

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neous" and Tokyo propaganda. Military generals announced that the zone was not meant as a threat to a single country but the Chinese military is "ready and more than capable of enforcing its claim."

All I can say is, let's hope a war isn't started off a couple rocks, a potential gas pocket, or big egos, because I won't want to be the guy who explains it to our boys on why they have to fight another war under Obama.

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think you are sweet.) You can even do some flirty teasing by putting tinsel on their head when they aren't looking. When you're done decorating, turn off the lights and show her you're not afraid to have fun like a kid by lying side by side together under the Christmas tree and gazing up through the branches. Romantic smooching is a guarantee.

During the holidays, the need for volunteers goes up substantially at food banks and donation centers. While it doesn't sound like a fantastic date idea, it can show to your significant other that you are a kind, gentle, giving person who is help-

ful to those less fortunate than you. It also will help to see your significant other in a different light, especially if you're trying to figure out if they are "the one." How do they treat those who are less fortunate than themselves? With compassion? Scorn? Do they whine when given an undesirable assignment or do they roll up their sleeves and get to work?

This is definitely recommended after you've been with someone for a while. It is a little heavy for the first go-round.

Instead of spending an unnecessarily large amount of money on a movie date, stay in and watch some classic holiday flicks together. Stock up on your favorite ones, make some hot cider, and curl up next to each other under a blanket for hours of holiday-themed viewing. Need some help choosing? Here is a list of some holiday favorites:

- *It's a Wonderful Life*
- *Holiday Inn*
- *White Christmas*
- *Miracle on 34th Street*
- *The Bishop's Wife*
- *Elf*
- *Peanut's Christmas*

Or, if your significant other is into theaters, you could take them to a performance of *The Nutcracker*. It is, a) romantic and, b) a holiday tradition. Which makes it perfect for this list. Not to mention it is a very good show. (The Christmas Carol is another great one.)

Bed and Breakfasts, as I mentioned in my fall date article, are incredibly romantic. And the charm is only heightened by seasonal decorations. It's a night of total relaxation. You can light a fire, enjoy some holiday movies or music, watch the snow fall, and, well, see where the night leads.

If you decide to take my previous advice and go to the Bed and Breakfast at Old Sturbridge Village, you will be treated to a holiday themed breakfast that includes delicious pump-

kin spice pancakes. You and your significant other will feel very connected and your relationship will be strengthened and filled with the holiday spirit.

Finally, sledding is a great classic. Emotionally charged moments between you and your lady-friend create memories and increase bonding. The adrenaline rush from speeding down a snow-covered hill can jump start any relationship. When the first snow covers the ground, grab your significant other and your sled, find a quality hill, and have at it! Finish the date by warming up next to a fire.

I hope that I have succeeded in giving you some great ideas for winter dates. By following these tips, you can enjoy some great memories and strengthen any romantic relationship. It is also a perfect way to start a relationship. Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm going to find someone to listen to Bing Crosby with. Any takers?

Have a Merry Christmas, and best of luck in your upcoming exams.

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forward due to other injuries, scored to tie the game at two.

That was the only offense Westfield would be able to muster as Franklin Pierce beat junior goaltender Ian Perrier (36 saves) one final time with 7:46 left in the second period as they hung on to get their first win of the season, 3-2.

Ahead the Owls will hit the road on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 2:00 p.m. to face the Plymouth State Panthers. In the 2012-2013 season, Westfield won two out of the three contests, as two of the games went into overtime.

Horoscopes

Games & Leisure

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Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
Try to listen to both your physical and your spiritual doctors this week. If you haven't in a while, you might want to see your doctor. Who else knows what is best for you and how you can improve yourself in new and exciting ways?

Libra
(September 23 - October 22)
Try and be nice to your particular deity this week, and make sure you don't commit some wanton act of sacrilege. Otherwise you will be surrounded by a bunch of weeping angels, and angels are really ugly when they cry.

Taurus
(April 21 - May 21)
A big bad wolf in the form of complications in your love life will appear to you and you will find yourself having to scare it off. Don't worry, the stars have complete confidence in you and are in your favor.

Scorpio
(October 23 - November 21)
Another financial opportunity awaits you if you take the right steps. If you worry when you are signing up for that shady island bank account, just hold your breath and think "Geronimo." Dive into new challenges.

Gemini
(May 22 - June 21)
Ready for the great adventure that is going to make your life even more incredible? Your good fortune is continuing this week, and it is going to be fantastic, the stars assure you.

Sagittarius
(November 22 - December 21)
Remember that you are the boss of yourself. Other people might try to control you, but don't let them. Show everyone else that you are the master of your own destiny.

Cancer
(June 22 - July 22)
Do try to make "what will be, will be" a tenant of your life for the future. Otherwise you will be rather miserable in your efforts to try to be happy. A lot of bad things might happen is all the stars are trying to tell you.

Capricorn
(December 21 - January 20)
Drive yourself forward in every possible way this upcoming week. The stars say that you will reap the benefits in your life more than usual and they will last you for some time. What are you waiting for? Ready, set, allonsy!

Leo
(July 23 - August 23)
I'm so sorry to inform you that the stars have told me that there is this thing or event that is going to take place and it's going to make you feel an emotion or two.

Aquarius
(January 21 - February 19)
Inside your heart there is room for more. You might want to consider getting a pet, something that you can give all your affection to without being judged. It will prove a welcome companion for the rest of your (or its) life.

Virgo
(August 24 - September 22)
Stay strong in your beliefs concerning the nature of the universe. You may be wrong; in fact you are probably wrong. No one has to convince you of that. The vigor of your strength will regenerate in a sense this week.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 - March 20)
Silence will not be your friend for the next fortnight, as there are issues in your life where you know you must speak out. No one else will say what is on your mind for you. It is ok to be assertive.

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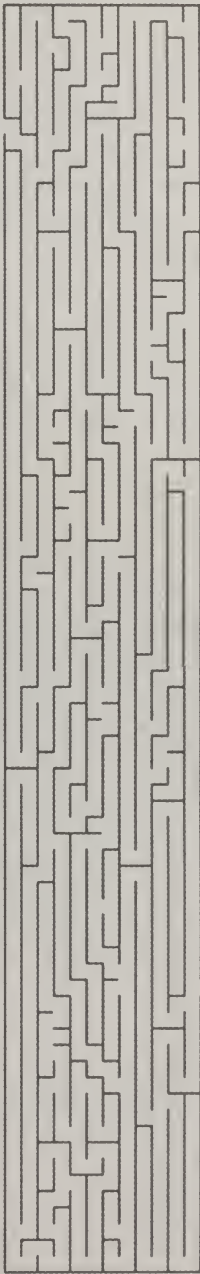
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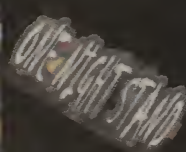
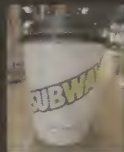
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Vice president Milton Santiago abruptly resigns from position at Westfield State

According to Molly Watson, university spokesperson, Santiago wanted to dedicate more time for his upcoming doctoral dissertation defense.

Matthew Carlin

Assistant Managing Editor

Milton Santiago, vice president of administration and finance, submitted his resignation last week. After eleven months on the job, Santiago decided it was time for him to leave the university. Santiago was originally appointed by Evan S. Dobelle less than a year ago, and has recently been under scrutiny from the board of trustees.

Over the last month, the trustees have sent in demands for Santiago to form a plan to reduce the current 40 credit cards in circulation down to five, while also centralizing a single office for traveling expenses. Santiago was criticized for cancelling the board's supplemental liability insurance that he claimed was just providing double coverage for what the state already provides.

However, the university and officials are quick to comment

that Mr. Santiago left on his own terms and was not pushed out as rumors have claimed.

Santiago, since the Dobelle scandal, has been under increased pressure between the attention drawn on school financial records and demand for Santiago's services.

Milton Santiago has previous experience in similar positions working for Bunker Hill Community College and College of Staten Island in New York.

Molly Watson, university spokesperson, was quoted as saying, "When there is a change in leadership, I think there is often a change in command," she said, also hinting that some personal changes should be expected during the transition.

The university provided the following statement on Milton Santiago's departure.

"Westfield State University President Elizabeth H. Preston has informed the faculty and staff of two leadership transitions. Dean of Undergraduate Studies Marsha Marotta has been and will continue to serve as Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs subsequent to Dr. Preston's appointment as interim president last week. Also, earlier this week, Vice Presi-

dent for Administration & Finance Milton Santiago informed the University of his intent to resign his position, effective immediately. The university is in the process of naming interim vice presidents in both divisions, and anticipates having those decisions finalized shortly."

The Westfield Voice was informed that Santiago's reasoning for his resignation was personal and were motivated for his desire to defend his doctoral dissertation is drawing near.

University administration will now how to find interim vice presidents for the administration and finance position as well as the academic affairs position.

The resignation is the latest development in a scandal which broke this past summer surrounding former president Evan S. Dobelle's spending issues.

Investigations and inquiries resulted in the retirement of Dobelle after spending the past twenty-five years in higher education.

The Westfield Voice will be keeping up-to-date on any other personnel changes within the university staff as they develop.

Stay tuned to westfieldvoice.com for any developments.



Former vice president of administration and finance Milton Santiago.

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EMILY HANSHAW, Managing Editor

Bits and pieces

President's Awards for Excellence in Leadership given out last Friday

Interim president Liz Preston awarded the President's Award for Excellence in Leadership to seven Westfield State University students. All were female. Their names are: Meaghan Chalmers, Casey Anne Dupelle, Josephine Lannon, Jessica Lindsay, Brittany Moniz, Katherine Robinson, and Melissa Stello. The committee deciding the awards was made up of eleven people throughout the Westfield State community.

Multi-hall flag football game held Nov. 24; Lansdowne won 35-21.

The multi-hall flag football tournament, sponsored by Lammers Hall Council, took place this past Sunday, Nov. 24. New Hall and Lansdowne Place ventured out into 25-degree weather at noon and participated in one round of flag football. The final score was 35-21, with Lansdowne taking the win and bragging rights. Both teams made some great plays, but Lansdowne dominated by making at least three interceptions. Both teams will receive a pizza party in their hall for participating.

SGA finishes their fall meetings with a visit from Junior Delgado of the Career Center

Ryan Caulfield SGA Correspondent

The final meeting for the Student Government Association was held this past Tuesday to wrap a fast and very busy Fall 2013 semester. The meeting was short but a lot of ground was covered in the weekly reports.

First, Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, introduced her guest speaker to begin the meeting. The speaker was Junior Delgado, director of the Career Center, and he was there to talk about the Career Center on campus, which is located next to the main entrance of Lammers Hall.

He first thanked the SGA for letting him speak to them and he hopes all the senators will have a chance to come to the center by the end of the spring semester. The center is open every day from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and staffed with six counselors and eight student assistants.

Delgado proceeded to discuss some of the new things the center is doing, such as assisting students with job searches, resumes, cover letters, interview preparations, and graduate school counseling. The center has begun using Pinterest on their web page for students. Their Pinterest

account allows students to see and learn how to dress professionally and dress business casually. It also gives models and tips for writing resumes and cover letters.

Another activity the center is doing, Delgado stated, is going to all the residence halls and conducting two-hour career chats. The center also has special open hours Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. during which students can chat with any counselors for fifteen minutes.

Delgado says all of these activities are important and states, "As you move on in life; if you visit a career fair or go for a job interview, the number one question you always get is 'tell me a little about yourself.'" He says having a planned "elevator pitch," or a one-minute introductory video about yourself, can really help any student in this situation.

A new service called "InterviewStream," which is found on the Career Center website, can help students train for interviews. All a student needs is a webcam and a mock interview with over 6,000 questions will be asked for the student to respond to. Delgado says that after a student completes the interview, they can come to the center

to conduct an evaluation of the mocked interview to see what a student needs to improve on.

Delgado wished all the senators a good break and a happy holiday before leaving and giving the podium to the madam president.

Fote had a quick report. She stated that the executive council went around the residence halls and collected money for the Stuff-A-Cruiser drive. The drive is to benefit New Beginnings Shelter for victims of domestic abuse and is sponsored by the Westfield State Department of Public Safety and Dunkin' Donuts. The council collected \$810 and went to Walmart to purchase thirty \$10 gift cards and toiletries for the shelter.

She then finally wished the entire SGA an amazing holiday season, a great end to the semester, and the best of luck with finals.

Tom Durkee, chairman of the Food Services Committee, told the SGA about what the committee was doing about an interesting comment from a student that wrote a comment card to the committee. The card was about the flags of different countries that hang all around Tim & Jeanne's. The student who wrote the card was concerned with flags that were not current-

ly hanging, such as Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. The flags were originally put up by former president Dr. Evan S. Dobbelle as a way to encourage the global diversity of the campus.

Durkee announced that the committee has made a decision to connect with the Multicultural Affairs to see if more flags can be added and to ultimately see if the flags belong in a different building on the Westfield State campus.

Joshua Frank, vice president of finance, presented two financial proposals to the senators; the first regarded the Criminal Justice Club and their trip to the National Criminal Justice Summit in Philadelphia. The club asked for funds for half of the hotel cost, registration, and the travel expenses. Frank motioned to allocate \$810.87 to the club. The motion was carried unanimously.

The second proposal was from the WHIP Comedy Improv Club so they could go on their trip to the Boston College Comedy Festival, which is a three-night event. The funds asked by the comedy club were half of the hotel cost, parking and tolls, and half of the overall mileage.

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Tips for surviving the dread of finals

Lydia Grossi

Voice Writing Intern

It's that time, the time of stress and hair pulling.

Finals week is just around the corner, and even though all you can feel is your head about to explode, there are ways you can deal with the stress.

In my past experience with finals, some things that have worked for me would be to plan ahead. I know many of you procrastinate, we all do it!

But getting those pesky papers out of the way before actual finals week starts may be a little helpful for you. I find if you make a scheduled time where you can escape from your apartment and go to the Wilson computer lab it can

be beneficial.

Even if you spend two hours in the lab, you know you're actually getting your work done.

A big tip for all you night owls would be to get plenty of rest. I have heard on many occasions students trying to pull all-nighters.

Some people can do it, but the truth is that your body needs at least eight hours of sleep in order to properly function.

Another tip that could help you would be to get a study group together. Nothing is better than seeing your friends, and this way, you can see your friends and retain information by finding ways to study that are both fun and effective.

One thing that I cannot stress enough would be to treat your body

right!

I know that the stress levels are high, but eating healthily can improve your focus and your overall well-being.

When dining in the DC, skip the ice cream and eat an apple with a tablespoon of peanut butter. This way, you won't feel groggy and lethargic when it comes to your nighttime study session.

Finally, take a break! Watch a movie, or get off campus to the mall and buy yourself a little present, because you deserve it during this hectic time.

Good luck!

Finals Schedule

Monday, December 16
8a-10a - MWF 3:50
10:10a-12:10p - MWF 1:40
12:20p-2:20p - MWF 10:25
2:30p-4:30p - MWF 11:30

Tuesday, December 17
8a-10a - TR 8:15
10:10a-12:10p - TR 3:45
12:20p-2:20p - TR 9:45
2:30p-4:30p - Make-ups

Wednesday, December 18
8a-10a - MWF 12:45
10:10a-12:10p - MWF 2:45/3:10
12:20p-2:20p - MWF 9:20
2:30p-4:30p - MWF 7:50/8:10

Thursday, December 19
8a-10a - TR 11:15
10:10a-12:10p - TR 12:45
12:20p-2:20p - TR 2:15
2:30p-4:30p - Make-ups

Grades due Dec. 27

News from other schools

The Daily Collegian, U OF MASS., AMHERST
Business Protection Specialists recently completed a 214-page report, which made 87 recommendations to residence hall security. The university committed \$2 million to making improvements.

The Harvard Crimson, HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Sietse Goffard assumed the vice presidency of the Undergraduate Council at the inauguration on Sunday. He was the former opponent of Gus Mayopoulos, who with his running mate, Samuel Clark shocked the campus with their joke campaign, victory, and then rumored resignation. Mayopoulos changed his mind, Clark did not. Mayopoulos assumed the presidency.

The Daily Campus, UNIV. OF CONNECTICUT
The Undergraduate Student Government Senate changed their election policies, making it more challenging for a candidate to bring a grievance against another candidate during the election cycle.

The Daily Orange, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
The Syracuse Orange men's basketball team is rocketing to number two in the nation, especially after they throttled Binghamton, 93-65.

Corrections to last week's issue of The Westfield Voice

In the front page article titled, "Liz Preston named interim president after Dobelle retirement accepted by trustees," Marsha Marotta is said to have been named interim vice president of academic affairs, but she is instead the acting vice president of academic affairs. This is due to a confusion of positions at the time of writing the article.

The photo credit for the article on page six entitled, "Westfield State alum hopes to inspire by publishing storybook," incorrectly states Ariana Williams as the source of the photo. It is instead Heather Katsoulis. This is due to an editorial oversight.

If you find any errors in The Westfield Voice, please send them to Matthew Carlin, assistant managing editor, at mcarlin6141@westfield.ma.edu.

Christmas concert taking place at Second Church

WESTFIELD—On December 15th, at 3:00 p.m., the Second Congregational Church at 487 Western Avenue in Westfield, Mass., will present their annual Christmas concert for the Westfield community.

The program will feature the Smith College Handbell Choir, the Night Owls

from Westfield State University, Westfield State's Flute Ensemble, Chamber musicians from WSU and Second Church's choir.

There will also be a Christmas hymn sing-along with Grant Moss at the organ. A reception will follow the concert.

Admission to the event is free.



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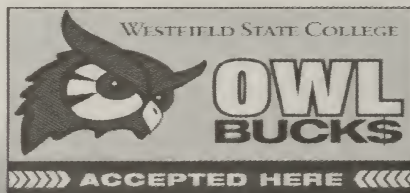
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Coming out with courage, strength, and support

Tom Durkee

Voice Contributor

'Coming Out,' a phrase long associated with the theoretical 'closet' that members of the LGBT community live in before they decide to share their sexual orientation with another living soul. In the days of our parents and grandparents, the thought of someone 'coming out' was foreign; society was unwelcoming of LGBT people and many had to live secret lives or, even worse, felt they had to live a lie - following the norm of society and entering into a heterosexual relationship.

Fast forward to the 21st century, where just last week, British Olympian swimmer, Tom Daley, came out as bisexual via a YouTube video posted on the Internet for millions

around the globe to see. This announcement made headlines on both sides of the pond, but for what reason?

'Coming Out' is now seen as a process, one that takes many steps and can be difficult for the individual to deal with alone. Although millions of people announce their sexual orientation each day, when a celebrated athlete tells the world that he is not heterosexual, he unknowingly becomes a role model and a support for those who have not yet made it through their process. He doesn't just empower himself to be who he is, he empowers all those who look up to him to also live their life in their own skin and be happy with who they are, something the coming out process can greatly impact.

Junior Ashley Orris went through her coming out process as a sophomore in high school and feels that although many aspects of life changed following the her coming out process, happiness was the reward. "I was definitely happier after I came out. I could finally be myself and it was nice to have support from most of the students at school as well as my family and friends."

When a person begins their coming out process however, they may not know where to turn at first, but there are numerous resources both here on campus and online to assist them with what can be a long and challenging struggle.

Robert W. Ferris, a Westfield State Alum from the class of 2011, is one of

25 individuals from around the globe who are forming justlikeyou.org an online social network that serves as a resource to those going through the coming out process. Ferris says, "The goal of our site is to provide an outlet of support for those who may not have acceptance within their own community or just need anonymous support if they are questioning their own sexual orientation."

The power of the internet is helping to inspire LGBT individuals living in countries that have limited social equality and acceptance by connecting them with mentors and role models in other areas who can provide them with support and encouragement as they strive for acceptance within their own countries, an idea that justlikeyou.org is

based off. Ferris says the site will launch worldwide in April of 2014.

For those on campus, support for LGBTQ students is widespread. Orris says, "We have resources and clubs for supporting the LGBT community here at school and many faculty and staff who are available to advise and support students with anything they need." One of these resources includes the Queer-Straight Alliance, which meets every Tuesday at 6:30pm in Mod Hall. This club helps LGBT students and their allies to work together in educating the campus community on issues relating to gay rights and acceptance, as well as providing a supportive environment where students can feel safe coming out.

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U-Hall SDA brings parts of the AIDS Quilt to campus

Tessa Newell

Voice Reporter

Last week on Dec. 2 through 5, Westfield State University celebrated World AIDS Day with a variety of different events meant to educate students about the disease and honor the victims of the disease.

World AIDS Day is celebrated worldwide on Dec. 1 each year and is meant to spread awareness of the disease spread by the HIV infection.

Tom Durkee, the staff development assistant of University Hall, organized all of these events as a campus-wide event. The events ranged from condom bingo, free HIV tests, the showing of the AIDS quilt, a discussion with a panel of AIDS survivors, and a compelling documentary.

The documentary, shown in University Hall on Dec. 5, was called "Common Threads: Stories From the Quilt." It followed the breakout of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and the government's refusal to acknowledge it until it started to infect heterosexual people. The film focuses on several gay couples and a straight couple all affected by AIDS, and two parents who lost their child to the disease.

Mike Brett, a junior and Resident Assistant in Scanlon Hall, went to see the film and said the film enormously changed his life.

"As a gay man, it was powerful to hear the stories of my community, as it is definitely not a story told in school. It was extremely powerful to hear about how many people knew that they were dying [from AIDS], and the pain

and grief in the stories of their surviving loved ones was so vivid," Brett said about the film. "I encourage anyone who could not attend to watch this on their own time."

The much-anticipated centerpiece of AIDS Week on campus, however, was the presenting of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, a famous quilt that travels the country to honor those who have suffered and who still suffer from AIDS.

The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt originated in the 80s when AIDS was first discovered in the US. The quilt has grown from 2,000 panels to more than 48,000 panels that travel the country for various AIDS awareness events. "The government mainly turned a blind eye to the epidemic, believing that it was a gay men's disease,

so the quilt was started to bring light to the growing numbers of people dying from it," said Allison Gagne, the Resident Director of University Hall. "We displayed three quilt squares with eight panels each. All our panels were from lives lost in Massachusetts."

Gagne oversaw the process that Durkee went through and helped him as he worked to bring the quilt to campus and organize all the World AIDS Week events.

Of the origin of the initiative, Durkee said, "I took LGBT studies with Maddie Cahill last semester and we talked about AIDS. We watched 'Common Threads: Stories From the Quilt' and it sparked my interest. Each Staff Development Assistant is required to develop a campus-wide program so I sat down with

Res Life and we worked out bringing the quilt to campus."

He added, "My RD was extremely supportive through the process. Being an ally, she was really knowledgeable of AIDS awareness and was able to connect me with a lot of resources. She put me in contact with the RA from UMass who put on the condom bingo, the Western Mass AIDS Foundation, and they helped to connect me with the panel speakers. The department, Jessica Hufnagel, and Jenn Gould were very helpful with putting it on."

The initiative was attended very well as about 250 people came to see the quilt over its four days. "It was overwhelmingly positive...Students who came were very supportive of

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From 'The Voice' Vault

From flags to fires: Residence Life cracks down on fire safety

This article was published in the September 28, 2012 issue of The Westfield Voice.

Megan Bishop
Voice Reporter

Imagine a group of students waiting around outside New Hall for an hour and forty-five minutes for a fire alarm to finish, wondering what's taking so long. That's exactly what happened on Tuesday, September 18.

When the students were allowed back in the building, many went back to their rooms to find a little yellow slip of paper, telling them they needed to take down their flags, curtains, and tapestries. These were considered fire hazards and against the rules.

This was a problem for

many students, especially the juniors and seniors who had been here for years and were never written up for their flags before. Another question circulating around was: What about the First Amendment?

Senior Tanya Hogan said, "We have a right to express ourselves in our own living space. Our flags represent not only the country we live in or come from, but also who we are. It's something that is a part of us."

Many other students have shared the same opinion.

According to Josh Hettrick, the Assistant Director of Housing, Residential Life was unaware of how many flags were actually all over campus. The issue was recently brought to central staff. They went

over the handbook and saw that it was still a policy and decided they needed to enforce it.

Hettrick said the fire policies have been in place since before he got to WSU, but that most of them were developed from fires that have occurred on college campuses in the past.

Senior Luke Dezago asked the question, "How much would a flag add to a fire, considering the amount of posters people hang on their walls?"

Hettrick explained, "Paper burns much faster than fabric. When the paper is gone, it is likely to go out and not cause significant damage. Flags are fabric and will allow a fire to jump from place to place, causing the fire to spread." In inference to the amount of posters people

hang, he said, "We encourage students to hang posters at least six inches apart and expect that they cover no more than one third of their wall."

The next big issue was the vendors who come to campus and sell flags. What was the point of having them if the flags couldn't be displayed?

Hettrick said, "People seem to forget that there are 2000 commuter students and grad students who are also buying the flags for their off campus spaces."

The vendors were brought in to target different people with different interests, not just residents.

As far as freedom of expression was concerned, Hettrick was very pleased to hear that students were concerned about that. He understood that people

want to express their interest in their country, but "find other ways to do that. It's important to be interested in politics and express your pride, but, for safety reasons, find a smaller scale to do it."

Attempts to reach out to students who were pro-policy failed because most students interviewed were against it.

So students will not be surprised by another new policy beginning October 9.

Residential Life will be performing health and safety checks at least once during the semester. Students will be warned before this happens and will have the opportunity to correct any policy violations they may have in their living space before the inspection occurs.

The Proud Conservative

This article was published in the December 3, 2010 issue of The Westfield Voice.

Dan Drexler
Voice Reporter

Watch what you say! The P.C. police are coming!! The politically correct left is so bent on everybody following their script of "not saying anything whatsoever that may offend anyone for whatever reason", has gone so far as to fire one of their own team members.

NPR has taken political correctness to an obscene level when they announced recently that

they have fired popular news analyst Juan Williams from their network. The move came after Williams, also a liberal slanted Fox News political analyst, appeared on The O'Reilly Factor, last Monday. The host, Bill O'Reilly, asked him to respond to the notion that the United States was facing a "Muslim Dilemma". O'Reilly said, "The cold truth is that, in the world today jihad, aided and abetted by some Muslim nations, is the biggest threat on the planet".

Williams concurred with O'Reilly, and continued, "I mean, look Bill, I'm not a bigot. You know the kind of books I've written about the civil rights movement in this country. But when I get on the

plane, I've got to tell you, if I see people who are in Muslim garb, and I think, you know, they are identifying themselves first and foremost as Muslims, I get worried. I get nervous".

Trying to lend credence to his remark, Williams made reference to the Pakistani immigrant who pleaded guilty this month to trying to plant a car bomb in Times Square. "He said the war with Muslims, America's war is just the beginning, first drop of blood. I don't think there is any way to get away from these facts", Williams said. NPR said in its statement that the remarks "were inconsistent with our editorial standards and practices, and undermined his credibility as

a news analyst with NPR." Poor Guy, He honestly stated his feelings as a response to a credible question being asked. He then gets fired. I don't get it....Another thing I don't get. Where were the P.C. police when MSNBC's own Over-liberal news commentator-wannabe Rachel Maddow said in response to the Times Square bombing attempt. "These are desperate people who have been struggling for centuries, and they are entitled to their own views concerning their religious beliefs". What? Excuse me; I just had a brain hemorrhage!!! She excused a murderous terrorist for threatening Americans, but Juan Williams gets fired for honestly answering a question. I truly am beginning to worry for the future of Journalism when things are so backwards now. Just a few months

ago, a producer for NPR, Sarah Spitz, went so far as to wish death upon the liberal loathed political commentator/entertainer Rush Limbaugh. In a post on a liberal web site, Spitz wrote that she would, "laugh loudly like a maniac and watch his eyes bug out" as Limbaugh whined in torment. Admitting she would happily watch a man die in front of her eyes, mainly because she didn't agree with his point of view, went on to say that she didn't know she had that much hate in her, but insisted that Limbaugh deserved it. What a wonderful thing for a news producer to say. An NPR news producer, at that. The big difference between her statement and Juan Williams' statement is that she got applauded for her remark. Juan Williams got fired. Go Figure!

Opinions & Editorials

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2013

RACE RUGH, Editor

The Conservative View: It's a bird! It's a plane! No... it's compromise?

Matthew Carlin
Asst. Managing Editor
Voice Columnist

Hello again readers, welcome to another addition of my political antics! Now I was just browsing the Internet, and I happened to see a picture of Congressman Paul Ryan. Like any good conservative I immediately clicked the link. I thought I was hallucinating. It would seem that our great representatives of Congress have decided it was time

to form a somewhat functioning budget. As such, Paul Ryan chaired a committee with Patty Murray, a democrat in the senate. The proposal would fund the government for two years and cut the deficit by 23 billion dollars. Paul Ryan said that it "cuts spending in a smarter way." The proposal also offsets about 63 billion dollars from automatic budget cuts from the military and domestic spending that had happened previously. The new deal has been called the "breaker of the partisan gridlock in

Congress," and both chairs are optimistic that it will pass in both the House and the Senate before recess is called on the 13th. Party leaders on both sides are hesitant to compliment the proposal itself with Obama even saying "This agreement doesn't include everything I'd like - and I know many Republicans feel the same way. That's the nature of compromise."

In reality this bill is just a small stepping-stone to what I believe and hope will be a better future for both America and Congress, who

is currently suffering one of the lowest approval ratings in its history! The time has come for members of both the House and Senate to walk across the aisle and do what's best for the American people. That is to cut spending in an intelligent way so we do not lose programs and funding needed for daily progress.

Essentially, it's time to stop saying what we would like in a perfect world and realize that we don't live in a perfect world. At our current rate, the deficit is expected to rise to about

90% of the nation's GDP. What the heck guys? I would love to live in a world where everything is given to me and I only have to work on days that I choose to, but come on now. Let's face it, we need to start being very tight with our coin purses from now on if we expect any real change to happen.

However, all of this I believe can be pushed back until next semester don't you guys? I just wanted to take a second and thank all of the readers who haven't sent in any angry letters regard-

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Competency and Conservatism: We are now looking at 'a new Charlie Baker!'

Brady Kerr
Columnist Emeritus

It's that time of year again. The days are colder and darker. The New England wind whips unmercifully. However, I have something that will surely fill you with cheer. December is not long for this world, and that means 2014 is upon us. You can begin writing your New Year's resolutions, but why bother; it's an election year.

The race for Massachusetts Governor is heating up, and the field of would-be governors is commencing for a brawl. On the left, we have an exciting race. The candidates are polished and ready for a bruising primary battle. Of course an intriguing list of potential candidates could emerge, but it is wiser to discuss the declared. As of now, the polling suggests absolutely nothing, and we can best understand this contest through fundraising.

The unofficial frontrun-

ner, Massachusetts Treasurer, Steven Grossman, holds a decisive fundraising advantage. The former chairman of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) can surely rake in the dough. His campaign raised \$127,000 in November, totaling \$847,000 in the bank. I should mention that Mr. Grossman had been building this account since his last election, and therefore his staying power could be sharply limited.

The next candidate is current Massachusetts At-

torney General, Martha Coakley. Famous for her glaring defeat by that old nobody, Scott Brown. Ms. Coakley is seeking retribution, and you should expect that she has come to play. Entering the race in September, she has a total of \$285,200 on hand, raising just \$55,000 in the month of November. I presume Attorney General Coakley will be a rather formidable opponent; her Democratic rivals should not take her lightly.

The mid-level candi-

dates at this point should be taken seriously. Former Obama Administration, Assistant Secretary for Homeland Security, Juliette Kayyem, holds great promise. Up until Coakley's entrance, national women's groups, such as Emily's List, were rallying around her. This is not the case anymore, but in Massachusetts, I don't believe she'll need them anyway.

Former surgeon, Jo-

see KERR on page 18

Gentlemen's Weekly

Josh Minardi
Voice Columnist

Bringing your girlfriend over to meet your folks can be stressful

It's that time of the year again. You return home to find yuletide decorations strewn about the house. It's Christmas time! Christmas is one of the most popular times to introduce your girlfriend to your family. You've already met hers, and if your family is anything like mine, you want her to see your family at its best.

When you met her folks, your biggest concern was making a good first impression. Now the roles are reversed and you need you focus on helping her make a good impression. While your folks and your girlfriend may not always get along (trust me), when they do, things definitely are more hunky-dory.

While bringing your girlfriend home for the first time can be a little awkward and nerve-racking for all parties involved, I have provided you with some quick tips that can help make everyone feel more comfortable and help things go as smooth as possible.

Be sure you're really ready to bring her home. In many circumstances, a woman will interpret an invitation to meet your parents as a signal that you think she's special and your relationship is serious. Your parents will likely interpret the move in the same way. Don't bring your gal home (this goes doubly on the holidays) unless you want to communicate to both parties that she will be around for a while. (And you're okay with your mom incessantly asking about her until you either break up or tie the knot.)

Prepare them. You can lay the groundwork for a smooth meeting by preparing both of your parents and your girlfriend for what to expect from each other. Here are some things to discuss with the folks about her:

- Conversation starters. Everybody wants to avoid awkward

pauses as much as possible, and your folks want to get to know your girlfriend better. But the less you've told them about her, the harder it is for them to know what to ask in conversation. Give your parents some background information on her that will help them come up with questions.

- Conversations to avoid. This ties in with the information above. The background information will help your parents know what not to say.

- Dietary preferences/restrictions. If your girlfriend is a vegetarian, you don't want your folks serving up prime rib for dinner. You may even want to clue your parents into a favorite meal or two of your girlfriend's. Having familiar food will help her feel more comfortable.

Prepare her. For a family like mine, this is perhaps the most important. It can never be as simple as meeting the folks and siblings. You have to warn your other family members to not say some things that we normally would say if it was just the family. You must also prepare your girlfriend. For what not to say or do:

- Family dynamics dossier. Give your gal a primer about the drama and dynamics in your family. Warn her about some things if necessary. The more she knows, the less likely she is to inadvertently "go up the creek."

- Gift. If your girlfriend wishes to bring a gift for your parents, that's a nice gesture. Give her some suggestions on what would go over well. Does your mother have a favorite flower? Does your father have a favorite beer? That sort of thing.

- Common ground she shares with your parents. Folks like folks who are like them. So let your girlfriend know a thing or two that she has in common with your folks that

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Westerns 'explore the social issues of their respective eras'

There have been few figures in history that have had as powerful an impact on American masculinity than the cowboy. For centuries, the cowboy has been a standard of rugged individualism and stoic bravery for the American male. While the romanticism of the American cowboy began way back in the 1880s with dime novels and Wild West shows, it wasn't until the time of cinema that the cowboy cemented his place as an icon of manliness.

The Western has been a popular genre of cinema since the beginning of film, and successive generations of filmmakers have used the "Wild West" as a backdrop on which to explore the social issues of their respective eras. During the 1920s, the Western film genre produced some of Hollywood's first megastars. Such as Tom Mix and William S. Hart. These early Westerns were heavy on action, but not so much on plot; they were meant to entertain.

It wasn't until the 1930s that the Western became an avenue for telling stories with searching and hard-hitting messages. Directors and screenwriters used the genre to explore the pressing subjects like racism, nationalism, capitalism, family, and honor-issues deeply meshed with manhood. Originally, western plots often revolve around a man who is mistaken for an outlaw, falsely accused of a crime and must find the real criminal to seek justice himself. In the 1950s, it was society's anxiety about conformity that began to be reflected through the prism of the Old West. Instead of taking on bad guys in a posse, the protagonists were loners who were compelled by their own values to fight against wrong while those around them cowered in fear like sheep. Then, in the 1960s, the anti-hero now took center stage, and the heroes in these films were outlaws who fought against a corrupt system of justice and inequality. During the 1970s and 1980s, the

classic Western took a hiatus, but it returned to prominence in the 1990s.

Because the Western has played such a huge role in the shaping of American masculinity, not to mention the genre's entertainment (as well as playing an important role in my childhood), I thought it proper to highlight some of the best of the genre. I tried to compile a good mixture from different time periods.

1) High Noon

High Noon is a film about being torn between love and duty and standing up for what you believe in, even when everyone else abandons you. Gary Cooper plays Will Kane, a town Marshall from New Mexico who settles down with his Quaker wife (played by the stunning Grace Kelly). Kane's plans to peacefully retire are interrupted after he gets word that a former gunslinger is coming in on the noon train to settle an old score with him. Despite his wife's pleas to leave town, he stays to fulfill his duty to defend the town and his honor. Will finds himself alone in the battle after everyone, including his deputy sheriff, has turned away from him. The tension builds, leading up to a final gun battle the quintessential mano-a-mano showdown (that in reality rarely happened in the actual Old West).

2) Stagecoach

This is the movie that made John Wayne a star and set the standard for all subsequent Westerns. Directed by the legendary John Ford and shot on scene in Monument Park, *Stagecoach* follows a group of nine strangers as they cross the dangerous Apache territory in a stagecoach. All of the characters have their own personal demons that they're running from and their journey in many ways serves as a sym-

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From the Editor's Desk

Milton Santiago's Resignation

This past week, Milton Santiago, vice president of administration and finance, resigned from his position after eleven months. The news of his resignation was very surprising to me because it was so sudden and kind of intriguing.

It is very clear that his resignation was sparked by the Dobelle debacle, but what is not very clear was the impetus of his resignation.

Often in the private sector, when a person is close to being fired, they are asked to step down or resign in order to save face and make it look like mutual. This also happens in the public sector as well.

Being in the administration and finance position, it is obvious that the Dobelle scandal was going to touch Santiago, even though the incidents in question happened before his time.

His decision to cancel the liability insurance was a sticking point with the trustees; this was indicated in the papers reporting his resignation last week.

Also, the pressure of having to reduce the amount of credit cards the university uses from forty to five must have been immense, and centralizing the offices that approve travel must have been immense.

I am not going to say the Board of Trustees squeezed him out. But with Dobelle's retirement and the impending investigation reports from the inspector general and attorney general, it certainly is a very good coincidence if the trustees did not have a hand in the decision.

There might be an explanation to this coincidence.

In the process of reporting for the front-page article, we found out that he is in prepara-

tion of defending his doctoral dissertation.

I consulted with a couple of professors who have gone through the process of writing their dissertations. The defense is an extremely stressful time for anybody who is going to be getting their Ph.D.

This information was interesting to me because I am considering a Ph.D. after my time here, but also to get a sense of the time commitment that requires.

I would like to know how Milton, in the position of vice president of administration and finance, and doing his job to the best of his abilities, would have the time to write his dissertation.

I appreciate that he is getting his Ph.D. but I do not know how that could be a chief reason for resigning from a seemingly powerful position.

In my eyes, there is an elephant in the room on this one.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

This is Issue 12 of my tenure as editor-in-chief. It is also our last issue for the fall semester.

We have had quite the active semester in the Westfield Voice office. There have not been any dull moments; that is for sure.

When I first took the position, I was very optimistic about the time commitment and confident in my ability to the job. But when the Dobelle scandal broke, I was very disappointed because I recognized right away that this was going to be a tough semester.

I cannot express enough how thankful I am to have been the editor-in-chief of a newspaper on a campus that is so open and transparent. This has made my job a whole lot easier. There is no emphasizing that.

I have some thank-you's, so

you'll need to indulge me.

First, I would like to thank Samantha Fahey and Alex Myers. They have moved on from their lives at Westfield State and this paper, but they installed me in this position and gave me all of the resources that I needed to make the most out of this position.

Second, I would like to thank Rob Donoghue. He was the managing editor last year, and in some ways, my mentor in my current position.

At the height of the Dobelle scandal in October, I was worn down and very pessimistic about the position that I was so excited about in weeks previous.

One phone call placed to Rob provided me with encouraging words and reminded me that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Third, I would like to thank Matthew Carlin. He is the assistant managing editor of this newspaper, but really our "utility player." He is stuck with all of the crappy tasks and the stuff that falls through the cracks, but he does it with a grin on his face because he knows one day, as a junior or senior, he will make some first-year do what he is doing now.

Fourth, I would like to thank Emily Hanshaw and Andrew Burke. These guys are awesome. Emily has to deal with my late night Wednesday editorial writing (in a similar way to what Samantha and Alex had to deal with) while Burke has to deal with my aloofness and semi-disorganization. These two, with Carlin, have helped me in my position tremendously.

Fifth, I would like to thank the staff. They have all meant a lot to this newspaper and especially me. I joked with Samantha and Alex at the end of last year that my first paper would

be eight-pages. I was dead wrong—it was twenty-four-pages. That was a lot of work, but it was so rewarding in the end.

We have had over 200 articles and pieces submitted to the paper over the course of this semester and I am very proud of that.

Sixth, I would like to thank my family and friends. My family deals with me pulling into the driveway at one or two in the morning on most nights, while listening to my alarm sound off while I sleep completely through it by the time seven or eight comes around. They have supported me throughout this whole semester and I appreciate it.

My friends have to deal with my big ego, so that is enough right there. "Oh no, Joshua Clark, editor-in-chief coming through." The business cards were the kicker for them; they thought that blew my head up to hot-air balloon proportions.

In the end, by the time I graduate in 2015 (fingers crossed), the paper will move on without me and I will move on without it. But the memories that we have made in this office and the work we have done to contribute to the dialogue on this campus has made the biggest difference and for that, I am proud.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Our next issue will be Jan. 31, 2014.



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The Liberal View: Americans are now realizing the decline of the power of the United States

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

When the U.S. Government shut down on Oct. 1, 2013, there was little impact on the global market. Americans are realizing the decline in U.S. power.

On Dec. 3, 2013 a poll revealed that 53% of Americans think that U.S. power has declined over the last ten years. This is the first time that the majority of the population has thought so in forty years.

Many of the comments on the survey reveal that Americans want to be less involved internationally, and that America should "mind its own business"

and return to pre-World War II neutrality policies.

The doubt of the U.S. as a super power has more than doubled since 2004 when it was just 24% of the population that expressed doubt.

It has been steadily declining since the 2009 recession began and concerns to fix domestic problems are at large; this is a difficult topic to dissect.

At first we must look at the reasons for U.S. global influence—which are many. It is true that many are exploitive, such as our presence in the Middle East as well as other resource-rich countries across the world, and global trades and exchanges.

Apart from this, there are organizations that are

trying to donate valuable time, resources, and aid to countries that are suffering from natural disasters, disease, and poverty.

Among these groups are the American Red Cross and Peace Corps.

Are these groups on the decline globally because they are trying to become more involved domestically? It's hard to say.

However, many people believe that global influence would strengthen the U.S. as a whole.

I, for one, definitely agree on the decline of U.S. authority, but we must think of the impact if we just revoke the resources that are being provided to millions of people.

Also, the question of culture exposure and un-

derstanding disappearing is at risk.

Becoming more involved in domestic affairs means the reduction of unemployment; which has recently decreased to 7%.

I definitely think it is time for the United States to regroup and start focusing on problems, especially since we do not seem particularly popular internationally due to the NSA scandals.

I believe we need to

start thinking about the face of the future and education before we challenge other countries.

Beyond this, we must learn again to become collective and come together for a more functioning country.

I also believe that it would be humbling for the nation to become less of a global influence and more focused on its citizens.

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Pearl Harbor is an event that will 'live in infamy'

Matthew Carlin
Asst. Managing Editor

Dec. 7, 1941, "A date which will live in infamy." The day the Imperial Japanese Navy launched a surprise attack on the port of Pearl Harbor.

The attack came somewhat as a surprise to the American Navy, who has reports that they cracked the Japanese code hours before the attack but couldn't get word until after the tragedy. The attack took place at about 7:48 a.m. with about a total of 350 Japanese military aircrafts consisting of fighter, bomber, and torpedo planes that spanned about two waves of attacks. The Japanese brought six aircraft carriers that ended up damaging eight battle-

ships, with four of the eight sinking. 188 American aircraft were destroyed while 2,400 American lives were lost in the surprise attack with over 1,200 wounded. The Japanese lost only 65 servicemen and 29 aircrafts, minimal in the wake of US losses.

As we all know, this prompted the United States to declare war on the Empire of Japan and thus have war declared on by Germany and Italy.

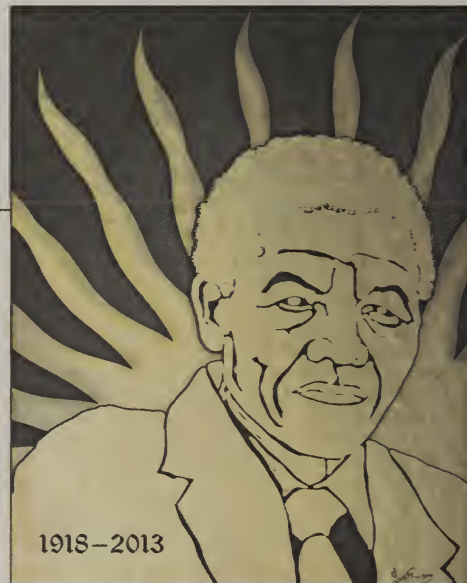
Thus the United States entered World War II with fresh troops supplying the allied frontlines with men, ammunition, and loads of new military vehicles. For the sake of this article, I won't go into much more detail but instead discuss the

implications of Pearl Harbor.

I would like to refer readers to my last article in "The Conservative Voice" where I talk about China's military aggressiveness toward Japanese and American operations. Currently we are seeing a repeat of major hostilities between these historical enemies. However let me take on the idea of Pearl Harbor first, an unprovoked attack on a neutral country across an entire ocean from the aggressor. Strategically speaking, it was a horrible idea.

Even a Japanese admiral is quoted saying, "We won a major tactical victory at Pearl Harbor and thus we lost the war." What

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Let us remember Nelson Mandela's legacy and continue to come together in his honor. Mandela helped end racial discrimination and segregation in South Africa and fought for human rights his entire life. Mandela was a lawyer, social activist, politician, and philanthropist. Many will remember him as "Madiba" or "Tata" meaning, "Father." He was a great man whose commitment to social justice will live on forever.

We thank George Ramirez from our Marketing Department for creating this graphic image of this inspiring world leader.

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Arts & Entertainment

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LEWIS PACHECO & LYNDON SEITZ, Editors

as of Dec. 11, 2013 Top 10 Singles

1. Miley Cyrus - Wrecking Ball
2. Eminem - The Monster
3. Lorde - Royals
4. Pitbull - Timber
5. OneRepublic - Counting Stars
6. Avicii - Wake Me Up
7. Imagine Dragons - Demons
8. One Direction - Story Of My Life
9. Katy Perry - Roar
10. A Great Big World - Say Something

Top 5 Albums

1. One Direction - Mid-night Memories
2. Eminem - Marshall Mathers LP 2
3. Garth Brooks - Blame It All On My Roots: Five Decades Of Influences
4. The Robertsons - Duck The Halls: A Robertson Family Christmas
5. Katy Perry - Prism

Top 5 Movies

1. Frozen
2. The Hunger Games: Catching Fire
3. Out Of The Furnace
4. Thor: The Dark World
5. Delivery Man

Upcoming DVDs

1. Despicable Me 2
2. Fast & Furious 6
3. The Ultimate Life
4. Man of Tai Chi
5. Battle Of The Year

The top albums of 2013

Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

2013 has been a banner year for music, especially where local bands are concerned. This year ushered in the debut full-lengths of Boston's folk-punk darlings Absinthe Rose and Connecticut's emo-indie-punk Chris Cappello. The year has also seen the release of Streetlight Manifesto's long-awaited fifth studio album as well as Phish's live debut of their yet-to-be-released album Wingsuit on Halloween. If you're looking for new, inspiring music to close out 2013 and ring in 2014, I highly recommend the following albums.

1. The Hands That Thieve - Streetlight Manifesto

The Hands That Thieve is by far my favorite album that has been (officially) released this year. In my opinion, this is the best album that Streetlight Manifesto has put out in their lengthy career. From the defiant, opening shouts of "The Three Of Us," to the middle finger to Victory Records in "The Hands That Thieve," the infectious guitar riff at the beginning of "With Any Sort Of Certainty," the melancholy of "If Only For Memories" and "They Broke Him Down," to the hopeful ending strands of "Your Day Will Come," this album has it all.

Recommended tracks:

"The Three Of Us," "The Littlest Things," "With Any Sort Of Certainty," "They Broke Him Down" (but really, just get the whole album) (available on iTunes and from Victory Records).

2. Could Be Bitter Forever - Chris Cappello

As the album's title suggests, Yale freshman Chris Cappello could, indeed, be bitter forever. Chris Cappello mixes emo, indie rock, and punk to create a blend of super-sad, earworm-worthy songs that will have you looking at your own life and frowning. However, *Could Be Bitter Forever* isn't all doom and gloom. Despite the overwhelming misery that most of the songs seem to portray, they are tinged with a tiny bit of hope, like a novel by Albert Camus or a short story by Franz Kafka. The album's first four tracks fly by with quick guitar licks, haunting vocals, and catchy lyrics, but once the fifth song ("Circulation") begins, the album begins to slow down to a melodic, ponderous pace—you can definitely hear the influences of Titus Andronicus and Bright Eyes.

Recommended Tracks: "Improved Resolutions," "Plans For The Future," "A Published Author," "The Benefits Do Not Outweigh The Detriments," "I Learned To Be Alive In January," "Could Be Bitter Forever" (available on



bandcamp).

3. Exactly Where I Need To Be - Milkshakes

This year, Connecticut favorites Milkshakes released their first EP, *Exactly Where I Need To Be*. Milkshakes is currently recording their first full-length, to be released by Darth Fader Records in 2014. *Exactly Where I Need To Be* shows a mature progression from the three tunes on the Wisdom Teeth/Milkshakes split EP. The album starts off with "Distant," an introspective romp through adolescent love affairs, and makes way for "Snow," my personal favorite track on the EP. "Snow" is a blistering, anger and sadness infused number that domi-

nates the EP. The album closes off with the lackluster "Bleed Out," and picks back up again with "The Boy With The Wagon Tattoo." This album is perfect for all year round, but especially winter.

Recommended Tracks: "Distant," "Snow" "The Boy With The Wagon Tattoo" (available on bandcamp).

4. TinVulva - TinVulva

TinVulva is a Brooklyn-based, all-female, feminist punk band that calls to mind the infamous female punk band Bikini Kill. TinVulva released their debut, self-titled album in March of this year. The album holds nothing back, starting with the furious, guitar-driven

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Musical Theatre Guild is at it again

Andrew Morin

Voice Contributor

With the spring semester quickly approaching, the student-run Musical Theatre Guild is busy planning their next show.

Senior Wilson Belbin and Junior Ryan Pound have been chosen to direct the spring musical, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. The show is a musical comedy including many small stories that are all connected by the theme of love and relationships.

As the show progresses, the many different types of relationships progress: starting off with the first date, moving into marriage, followed by raising children and so on.

MTG has worked with the Student Government Association to approve funding for the show and is grateful for the funds allocated.

In addition, MTG has chosen to keep many of its production staff from their last show, *RENT*, as members for this show as well. Seniors Kerry Turok and Kaleigh Kelleher will be

the musical directors again while Junior Jen Guimond choreographs her second show.

Senior Alex Potter and Junior Ryan Morrissey will tag team the role of stage managers yet again while Junior Beth Teague and Sophomore Erin Meany take on the job of prop masters as they did in the last show.

Hannah Clifford, who was the assistant costume manager for *RENT*, will be returning as head costume manager.

However, MTG is also bringing some new faces into the production staff. Many freshmen and sophomores are joining the production staff in a multitude of different positions to learn the basics so that when the upperclassmen leave, the underclassmen will be able to run a show.

Freshman Paul Barrett will be assistant musical director while I, Andrew Morin, work as the assistant costume designer.

In addition, Sophomore Amity Leary will be the assistant stage manager

and Sophomore Dan Dilling will be taking on the role as set designer.

Each returning and new member of the production staff has been able to add their own, unique

dynamic to the show and MTG is anticipating a great show this spring.

The show is set to open on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. In addition, there will be another show Fri-

day, Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. as well as two on Saturday, Feb. 22, one at 2:00 p.m. and one at 7:30 p.m. Mark your calendars early! We look forward to seeing you at the show.



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'With the Beatles' celebrates its 50th anniversary

J.R. Nieb
Voice Reporter

November 22, 2013 marked the 50th anniversary of the Beatles' second album, *With The Beatles*. Released on Parlophone records, the album was recorded between July 18 and October 23, 1963 and was produced by George Martin.

Robert Freeman, a fashion photographer took the photograph for the album cover, which has been mimicked by many bands throughout the years.

The album has a total of 14 songs, eight of which were originally written by the Beatles and the other six were covers. This was the first time that George Harrison wrote a composition of his own and recorded it for the album.

Half a million copies of the album were ordered

in advance. By September 1965, the album sold another half a million copies, which made it the second album in the United Kingdom to sell a million copies after the soundtrack to the 1958 film, *South Pacific*.

For 21 weeks, the album was on the top of the charts. On February 26, 1987, the album was released on compact disc for the first time. In 2003, the album was ranked #420 in *Rolling Stone Magazine's* list of the "500 Greatest Albums of all Time."

"I believe with the Beatles really established the band as one of the top bands of the era at the time it was released," said John Schofield, a sophomore business major at Westfield State University.

"I really like the album," said Schofield. "But I believe that the best was yet to come."

Schofield said his favorite



song on the album is "All My Loving."

"One thing I really like about the album is how young they all are," said Schofield. "And how it effects their playing."

Schofield said that in the cover of "Roll over Beethoven," there is a lack of technical ability, which is very prevalent.

"Though unlike most bands I've listened to," said Schofield. "They just kept getting better and better."

"In their early days, such as this album,"

said Schofield. "The Beatles were playing what the popular audience already expected to hear."

Schofield said they really didn't start experimenting until Rubber Soul.

"I see albums like this and Please Please Me as the Beatles essentially playing their dues in order to sing the real blues later on," said Schofield. "Pardon the pun."

"I wouldn't change this album at all, what it is," said Schofield. "And what it will stay is the album that made them famous."

"With The Beatles was one of their early pop albums," said Tim O'Malley, a sophomore special education major at Westfield State University. "It features a lot of love songs and cover songs."

"When I first heard the album, I loved it," said O'Malley. "But now I prefer their later music."

O'Malley said that his two favorite songs on the album are "It Won't Be Long" and "I Wanna Be Your Man."

"I like that the album helped make them famous and fuel Beatle-Mania in America," said O'Malley.

"It's not groundbreaking or revolutionary like some of their later albums," said O'Malley.

"To change it, I would have less covers and more originals," said O'Malley. "I don't think they did justice to Chuck Berry's 'Roll Over Beethoven.'"

"I don't like that it is mostly pop songs," said O'Malley. "But I know the young girls at the time loved it."

O'Malley said that although it's close to the bottom of his list of favorite Beatles albums, he respects the impact it had on their careers.

Lyndon's Reviews: Spirit Kid's Happiness 'makes you feel better about your day'

Lyndon Seitz
A&E Editor

Spirit Kid: Happiness – On first listen this very short EP (It doesn't even hit twelve minutes) sounds pretty simplistic in its basic setup of guitars, drums, and female vocals, and on further listens it will still be pretty basic. Nonetheless, it remains a lot of fun to listen to and there isn't anything at all to make you dislike the music. On the contrary, the rhythms on the album are very catchy, and the music will probably just make you feel better

about your day. Check it out if you can find it, it's worth a quick listen.

SPR (The Self-Proclaimed Rock Stars): Postcards from Purgatory – This is rock music on the harder side of things, and it's for the most part enjoyable. The lyrics are average, and most of the music is a little above average compared to what else I have had to experience. Sometimes the band can surprise the listener in a good way when everything comes together. The vocals, however, just do their job and don't necessarily impress. It might

be worth it, though, if this is what you like to listen to. Otherwise, there's better stuff out there.

The Stanleys: Always – I can't really say I all that much enjoyed this mostly derivative rock music with pop influences in it. I found the lyrics to be nothing special and it was easy to drive it out of my mind. I had to focus to prevent it from becoming background music, making it difficult to write this review. Needless to say, there is nothing particularly exciting about this music. Luckily for me, this EP was only four

songs long, so I could move on from it. I recommend that other people do the same; there is better stuff to listen to.

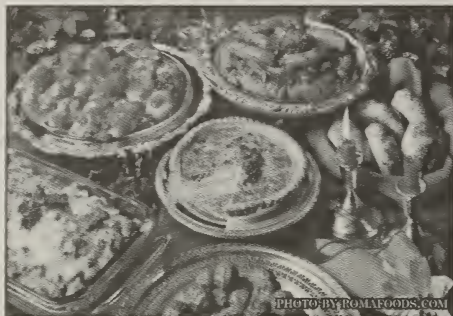
Suit Of Lights: Stay On Forever – This is rock that seems to try to have a lighter, slightly more cheerful sound than usual. The vocals (already nothing special to begin with) sound filtered, which for the most part is not beneficial. The instrumentals are nice, but they could be so much more. The album is trying to be grander than it is able to, and the unfulfilled ambition just doesn't work. It creates emptiness, a void of emotion, which is on

the whole unsatisfying. I cannot recommend it to anyone, really.

Sunfall: Sunfall – This sounds and feels like a Radiohead clone (with a touch of U2 thrown in for good measure).

Worse yet, it just feels like the same song over and over again six times, with little hope for a break at all. It was merely just a good while of the same type of synthesizers playing long notes along with a moaning type of vocals that was ok for a little while, and then quickly got old. I can't rationalize how this would be worth anyone's time or money, so I won't.

Knowing to Cook: An Italian Christmas Feast



Ryan Cashman Voice Columnist

For that last seven years, I have hoped on the 4 p.m. train into Boston a few days before Christmas Eve to meet my Uncle Joe at Back Bay Station. We then grab a quick bite to eat, usually at Finagle a Bagel (a fine establishment), and trek across the Common to the AMC movie theatre on Tremont Street.

After the movie gets out, we either cross back across the Common and go to church or hop onto the Orange Line and head back to my uncle's house in Jamaica Plain. There we meet up with my Uncle Rene, Joe's partner, and begin our yearly Christmas time tradition: making pasta.

Making pasta from scratch may seem like a daunting task at first. However, I assure you that once you get the hang of it, pasta is one of the most fun and simple things to make.

After we've made the dough, we refrigerate it overnight then wake up early the next morning to begin transforming it into pasta. Uncle Joe grabs the pasta machine and the cutting boards, while I grab the dough from the fridge and the flour from the cupboard. We flour the cutting boards, slice up the dough into thirds, flour it, and begin feeding it through the pasta machine. Normally, if we are making spaghetti, we stretch out the dough until it is thin and about a foot long before cutting it into thin

long strands.

Then we move on to the ravioli (the recipe for which you will soon read), which is my favorite thing to make.

The whole process usually takes my uncle and me about 2-2 1/2 hours to make all of the pasta, which on Christmas Eve will be transported to my home. My Uncle Joe is very Italian and is the reason behind the introduction of handmade pasta and ravioli to our Christmas Eve Dinner.

My uncle and I have always been close, mainly because we have a great deal in common. We're both bookworms, love seeing movies and going to the theatre, and we are both absolutely passionate about food. This wonderful Christmas tradition I share with him is one of the reasons why food has become so important to me in recent years.

On Christmas Eve, all of the relatives from my mother's side of the family gather at our house for the evening. So, naturally, we serve a wonderful Italian feast to the Italian members of my family. We don't use the Seven Fishes, which is traditional Italian fare, rather we fill the table with mounds of pasta and ravioli, pans filled with stuffed peppers, stuffed artichokes, chicken and eggplant parmesan, loaves of bread scattered all over the table, and bowls filled to the brim with tomato sauce and meatballs.

After dinner we move into the living room and exchange Christmas gifts. Then we have dessert, which is another feast in and of itself. We have pizzeles (Italian cookies), anise cookies, cannoli, chocolate crinkles, almond cookies

dipped in chocolate, and sweet cookies lathered in honey and walnuts. I could continue this list but I would begin salivating over my keyboard.

Christmas time, for me, is one of my favorite times of the year. I try to ignore the commercialism as much as I can, and instead try to focus on the true spirit of the holiday.

Christmas, like food, is about love and bringing people together. It is about the weight you put on the importance of cherishing the moments you share with the people you love. The gifts are just an added bonus, but in truthfulness a Christmas without any gifts would be a very good Christmas indeed.

Around this time, I am reminded of Norman Rockwell's famous painting of Main Street in Stockbridge on Christmas Eve. A quiet little town, under a blanket of white snow, old cars parked on the roadside, some carolers, and people rushing home with their trees and only a few gifts in hand. My dad often says to us: "That painting is my dream Christmas, peaceful, quiet, and happy."

On that note I will leave you. Enjoy the ravioli recipe.

Bunao Tavola and Merry Christmas to you all!
PASTA DOUGH

Ingredients:

3 1/2 cups of flour (if using Semolina use 2 1/2 cups of regular flour and 1 cup of semolina)

1/4 teaspoon of salt

4 eggs

1/4 to 1/2 of a cup of water (this will be dependent on the size of the eggs and even the moisture in the air)

Instructions:

1. Combine the flour and salt together in a large flat bowl.

2. Make a well in the middle of the dry mixture and add on egg.

3. Using a fork work the egg into the mixture until all the moisture is gone.

4. Repeat this with all four eggs so that they are fully incorporated into the flour.

5. Add a little bit of water and begin to knead the dough together. Continue adding water until you get a smooth slightly sticky dough. As my great grandmother would say:

when it feels right it is done. If it is a little too sticky add a little more flour.

6. Wrap tightly in plastic wrap so it is not exposed to air and refrigerate at least one hour. It will make the pasta dough easier to work.

RAVIOLI FILLING

Ingredients:

1 lb. of ricotta cheese

1 lb. of fresh spinach or one package of frozen cooked chopped spinach

1/2 pound of finely grated

Parmesan cheese

1/2 pound of finely grated

pecorino Romano

Salt and fresh pepper to taste

1/2 Teaspoon of fresh nutmeg (optional)

1 large egg

Instructions:

1. The day before assembling the filling, place the ricotta cheese in a fine mesh colander or wrap it in cheesecloth and put it in the colander in a bowl. If you aren't using a cheesecloth place wax paper on top of it and then place a small bowl of water on top.

2. Let it sit overnight at least so that the excess water drains from the ricotta.

Note: You can also wrap the ricotta in cheesecloth and squeeze the water out if you don't have time for this step.

3. If using fresh spinach, steam it in until it is fully wilted. Let cool and then squeeze out all the water.

Note: If using frozen, follow the directions on the package, then let cool and squeeze out all the water.

4. Finely chop the spinach.

5. Combine the ricotta and spinach in a large bowl until the spinach and ricotta is evenly mixed.

6. Add the parmesan and pecorino Romano also. Salt and pepper to taste and any other spices. Uncle Joe usually adds a little freshly grated nutmeg (about 1/4 to a 1/2 teaspoon) to give it a little flavor boost.

7. Once you have it seasoned the way you like it, add the one raw egg and mix until fully incorporated.

8. You can make this a day in advance and let it sit in the refrigerator in an airtight container to let the flavors meld.

ASSEMBLING THE RAVIOLI

Tool(s) Required: Pasta Roller & Ravioli Mold

Instructions:

1. Take the pasta dough out of the refrigerator and cut it in half.

2. Put half back in the refrigerator and then, working with the other half, cut it roughly into four even pieces. Take one piece and make sure the other three pieces are covered with a slightly damp cloth so they don't dry out.

3. Work the dough into roughly a rectangle. You will need to roll it out as thinly as possible by hand. If you are using an automatic or hand cranked pasta roller, work it through the various thickness settings until you get to the third thinnest setting for the top piece and the second thinnest setting for the bottom piece. Uncle Joe usually runs the dough through the thickest setting several times to get the rectangular shape, then runs it through each of the next settings to roll it out thinner and thinner twice. Try not to pull on the dough too much or it will get too long and thin for the mold.

4. Using a ravioli mold, brush it with flour then place a piece of dough on it making sure you keep it a little loose so when you press the floured second piece of the mold on it you will get a nice indentation without ripping the dough.

5. Fill each indentation with about a teaspoon of filling. Try not to overfill since that will cause them to break.

6. Place another sheet of dough rolled out one setting thinner on top of it and using a rolling pin roll the two together until the mold cuts through the dough.

7. Flip the mold over and gently shake them out on a floured surface. Place the ravioli on a baking sheet that has floured wax paper on it. You can leave them uncovered to air as you continue making them.

8. Repeat the process with the rest of the pasta

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Owls Sports

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JOEY COOPER, Editor

Hockey loses on "Salute the Troops Day"

Matt Stover
Voice Reporter

Dalton Jay, sophomore forward for the Westfield State men's hockey team continued his stellar month by registering a hat-trick in the blowout road victory against the Lancers of Worcester State. Jay is the third player this season to register a hat-trick for the Owls. Westfield improved to 4-1 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) and 4-5 overall.

Senior captain Taylor Murphy kicked off the scoring 2:49 into the first period, which was the second of the season for him. Mike Busconi, freshmen defenseman of Watertown, Mass. and Dalton Jay each scored in the span of two minutes to give the Owls the 3-0

lead with 14:11 left in the opening period.

It was all Westfield from that point on. Jay beat the Lancers net mind-er twice halfway through the second period to register the hat-trick, and give the Owls a monstrous 5-1 lead. After Worcester was able to beat senior goaltender Eddie Davy for a second time, Tyler Prendergast scored the final goal of the contest just after the puck dropped in the final period, to make the score final 6-2. Davy improved his record to 4-1 after a 41 save performance.

Westfield then traveled to Plymouth, N.H. losing to Plymouth State Saturday, Dec. 7 by a score of 6-4 to fall to 4-2 in the MASCAC. Goals by Adam Baldassarre, Billy Miller, Tyler Prendergast, and P.J. McCadden were not enough

to overcome the powerful Panthers offense. Westfield was out shot by 21, as Plymouth State heavily dominated this game. Davy once again came up big with 43 saves; Westfield was just unable to win the scoring battle.

The Owl's now have 27 days off from games over the duration of the Holidays. Westfield will need to regroup in the time off to get ready for the remaining 14 regular season games.

Bob Miele and the Owls will look to turn things around this season opening up the New Year against Becker College Jan. 8 at 5:30 p.m. in Marlborough, Mass.

The Becker Hawks beat Westfield a season ago 1-3 in their only meeting in the 2012-2013 season. Westfield hopes for a different outcome this year.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PLYMOUTH STATE

Plymouth sported their camouflage jerseys for the "Salute the Troops Day" MASCAC game. They won the game against Westfield 6-4.

Women's basketball beats Lasell with late surge

Ryan Sances
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State women's basketball team pulled away late in Newton, Mass. to top Lasell College 66-53 on Thursday, Dec. 5

The Owl attack was led by the trio of Gabby Felix (17 points, 12 rebounds), Jen Ashton (13 points, 6 steals) and Keri Doldoorian (15 points, 6 assists).

Leading 23-20 at the end of a back and forth first half, the Owls took control

of the game never trailing in the second half. A Lasell rally late in the second half would cut the lead to two at 49-47 with three minutes remaining before a pair of threes from Doldoorian giving the Owls a stranglehold on the game with only a minute and a half remaining. With Lasell forced to foul the Owls, Westfield was able to seal the victory at the free throw line.

The Owls out rebounded Lasell 35-32 in the contest and forced 23 turnovers.

With the victory the

Owls boost their record up to .500 improving to 3-3 overall.

Later this month the women embark on a unique opportunity to travel to San Juan, Puerto Rico for two games against Monclair (N.J.) State and Mount Holyoke College Saturday, Dec. 28 and Monday, Dec. 30.

Once the Owls come back to the states there isn't much time to rest as the team has nine games in the month of January, five of which are at home.



PHOTO BY ANDREW KELLEY

Junior center Gabby Felix lead the Owls in scoring in rebounding in their win against Lasell. The team is now 4-3 in the young season.

Owls stay undefeated on the road



PHOTO BY DAVID FRIED

Jordan Santiago scored 18 points in the first half against Wesleyan with 4 three pointers to get the Owls off to a fast start. Despite their slow starts and poor shooting in their next two games, their defense and rebounding kept them alive and gave them a chance to win.

Andrew Burke Layout Editor

Westfield has played three games since the last edition of the Voice and came out with a 2-1 record. They played Wesleyan and Lyndon State on the road, and Springfield at home.

Junior Jordan Santiago lead the way for the Owls against Wesleyan on December 5th. Westfield got an early lead of 18-8, continuing the momentum to the end of the first half with a 27-18 advantage. Santiago carried the team almost single handedly in the first half with 18 points and four three pointers. Santiago also made five free throws in the final two minutes of the game to seal the victory 54-46.

Cooper played another solid all-around game with

14 points and 14 rebounds. He broke 35-35 tie with six minutes left in the game with an old fashioned three-point play, giving the Owls a lead that they never surrendered. Along with Santiago, he made clutch free throws in the final quarter of the game to seal the victory. Free throw shooting as a whole was a major key to the victory. The team made 12 of their last 14 points from the line, which is a promising improvement from free throw percentages earlier in the season.

The Owls played Lyndon State in Vermont for their second game in the past week. They outscored Lyndon State by ten in the second half to overcome a 28-23 halftime deficit.

Cooper finished with another double-double finishing with 18 points and

ten rebounds in the victory. Junior Dan Johnson made three three pointers off the bench and sophomore forward Tchuijo Nkamebo also had a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

After starting hot against Wesleyan, the Owls only shot 29 percent from the field in the first half. Once the team found their groove, they were able to take the lead. The Owls finished 56 percent from the field in the second half on 14-25 shooting.

Poor free throw shooting plagued Westfield and kept the game close throughout. The one thing that has been consistent this season for the team has been their defense. They managed to hold Lyndon State to 34 percent shooting and lead the MASCAC in points against so far this season.

The Owls final game of the past week was on Wednesday night against Springfield College at the Woodward Center. An off shooting night lead to a 67-59 loss to the Pride.

The Owls only shot 30 percent from the field on 21 of 70 from the field. They also finished 26 percent from behind the ark on 8 of 31 shooting.

Despite their poor shooting, they were able to keep the game close with rebounding and ball security, committing only nine turnovers. Cooper, who is third in the MASCAC for rebounds per game, led the Owls in that category again. He also led the Owls in scoring with 15. Two 8-0 runs helped to separate Springfield from a stingy Westfield team and give them a secure lead.

Westfield's bench scored 30 point this game and freshman Joe Crapps was the only player in double figures, besides Cooper, with ten points.

The Owls next game is on Saturday against The College of New Jersey at the Woodward Center. They don't play again after that until the new year against Nichols at home. Overall, the team cannot be upset about their play up to the holiday break. They are sitting in a good position at 6-3 and they know what they must work for in the order to be where they want to be at the end of the year.

The team has had eight home games so far so the majority of their season will be on the road. Although, they are undefeated away from home in the young season.

Selig needs to change PEDs soon to save MLB



PHOTO FROM NEWSDAY.COM

Bud Selig and the MLBPA are going to be at constant battle until a fair and even punishment can be established. Players will always find ways to cheat the system but all an MLB fan can hope for is that PEDs are controlled as much as possible.

Joey Cooper Sports Editor

As an extension to what has seemed to be a crisis for many years in Major League Baseball (MLB), Commissioner Bud Selig's fight against steroids could lead to newly implemented rules regarding players who have used performance-enhancing drugs.

This past spring MLB purchased stolen documents from a Florida Department of Health to further their investigation of Biogenesis Founder Tony Bosch. These documents revealed along with Alex Rodriguez and Ryan Braun, at least 12 other players were involved in the report, participating in the use of illegal performance-enhancing substances.

stances.

The league suspended nine players as a result of their investigation other than those previously mentioned include Jhonny Peralta (DET), Nelson Cruz (TEX), Jesus Montero (SEA), Everth Cabrera (SD), Antonio Bastardo (PHI), Jordany Valdespin (NYM), and Francisco Cervelli (NYY).

Even through the 2013 season, MLB and determined critics of these users still know very little about how these PEDs enhance offensive or defensive output. There is a scarce amount of research done on the issue quantitatively, which raises the question to how many suspended games and potential reduction in pay these players should receive.

Peralta, 11-year MLB

shortstop playing in 1,383 total games decided before the 2012 season to use PEDs in spring training. At the age of 29-years, Peralta posted one of his worst stat lines of his careers coming off his 2011 campaign where he made his first all-star game posting .239/.305/.384.

This past season Peralta put together his most productive season of his career with .303/.358/.457 with a wins above replacement (WAR) of 3.3, according to baseball reference's formula for the metric.

To this findings I ask—How much did Peralta's PED use really improve his offensive value? If so, in what areas did he improve his power, contact rate or bat speed?

The lack of documentation on this outlawed prac-

tice in baseball is a gray area where specific questions requiring meaningful answers cannot be answered.

When the 2013 season was over Peralta had served his 50-game suspension in the regular season, then appearing in the playoffs through the American League Championship Series (ALCS).

On Nov. 25, 2013 the St. Louis Cardinals in the market for a shortstop inked free agent Jhonny Peralta to a 4-year deal worth in the upwards of \$52 million.

MLB has yet to execute rules on suspended PED users for a reduction in pay either through fines or handicapping future contracts based on his transgressions. Essentially, the league is allowing players to reap the benefits for a crime they have considered to be baseball injustice.

For first time offenders of a positive PED tests receive a 50-game suspension from the league which seems to be a small price to pay when the recognition it potentially offers outweighs the ridicule.

Ryan Braun, mentioned in the Biogenesis report for the Milwaukee Brewers is currently enjoying his 8-year, \$45 million contract that has him under team control through the completion of the 2020 season.

So, who knows whether these contracts are justified based on a player's ability or their illegal-enhancements which make it hard for front offices, managers, players and fans to truly

understand what they're watching.

As the league gathers this week in Orlando for the annual winter meetings, a main topic of conversation should be the problem regarding harsher rules on what they consider to be cheaters.

For every season the league declines to establish alterations to salaries regarding these players, they will go on with their blind march into the dark of a realistic and thorough plan to seeing actual and sustainable results.

Bud Selig and Major League Baseball need to make a decision at perhaps the games most vulnerable state to put an end to patronizing the baseball community and strive to see change.

This current issue, Edition 12 of the 2013 fall semester for the Westfield Voice will be my last working on the staff. Next semester I will be interning at the Springfield Republican along with taking a couple classes before I graduate this spring.

I just wanted to express my gratitude to our advisors Dr. Glen Brewster and Dr. George Layng, graduated editors and current editor-in-chief Josh Clark for helping make the Voice a high-quality student publication. The paper has allowed me to practice my writing on a weekly basis applying what I learned in the classroom into a public forum since my freshman year.

Do you go to Owls Athletics events? Write About It! Send us your photos!

Campus News & Life CAULFIELD, page 2

Frank motioned to allocate \$794.25 to WHIP. It was passed by the SGA. The Finance Committee has \$6,576.38 remaining to give to clubs for various trips and expenditures.

Ryan Losco, president of the class of 2016, showed the senators a promotional video of the Kids Cancer Buzz-Off. The Kids Cancer Buzz-Off is an event where participants shave their heads in honor and support of kids with cancer. Losco strongly recommends anyone who wants to participate in the event to join on April 13.

Dr. Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs, closed out the meeting by giving appreciation to all the SGA members for their hard work and leadership throughout the semester, and telling everyone to have a "great, fantastic, smashing, and magical break."

Those who missed opening roll were Brittany Moniz, Amanda McCarthy, Amy Macdonald, Yara Castellon-Torres, and Christopher Michaud.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be on Jan. 21, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

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Another campus resource is the Safe Zone Committee, which trains faculty, staff and students to create "safe zones." These are spaces on campus where students can go to find an individual that has pledged to be a nonjudgmental ally who will be a resource to those going through the coming out process. Residential Life staff members are also trained to serve as a resource to those questioning their sexuality or who are in the process of coming out.

Regardless of the avenue taken, it is important to note that society is changing both here at Westfield State University as well as all over the globe. Sexual orientation is something that used to be hidden away like a dirty little secret, but it can have an impact on the course of someone's entire life. When someone is ready to accept who they are and looks to you for acceptance, remember what Cosmopolitan fashion editor Charles Manning recently said before you jump to judgment, "It takes a lot of courage to be out and proud."

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raising awareness and fighting the disease."

"Tom worked on the planning of the World AIDS Week all semester, involving campus partners such as Residential Life, Health Services, Student Activities, and Professor Maddie Cahill," Gagne said. "He also worked with the AIDS Foundation of Western MA for the speakers' panel."

Durkee's hard worked certainly paid off, as Brett and

other students clearly found the events of World AIDS Week very educational and even life changing.

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I really enjoy providing conversation topics for campus. With the upcoming finals week, I wish everyone luck on their exams and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from both me and The Voice.

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seph Avellone, is also another decent candidate. He will have to prove himself throughout, but only time will tell. Donald Berwick, the Obama Administration official responsible for Medicare and Medicaid, is not likely to be much of a threat. He touts the implementation of Obamacare as one of his achievements. Even in liberal Massachusetts, the rollout was seen as a disaster. I should suspect his candidacy will be short lived if his best line is, "I'm the one who brought you Obamacare."

In the middle, there is the usual list of people that will never occupy an elective office. Therefore, we must pivot towards the right, and the presumptive Republican nominee for Governor, Charlie Baker. Those of you familiar with the 2010 contest to unseat Deval Patrick will surely remember his Republican challenger, Mr. Baker spent the 1990's in the Weld Administration, as a member of the cabinet. He left the public service sector, and spent ten years as CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.

I eagerly supported Mr. Baker during the 2010 election. He seemed a thoughtful, family-orientated, businessman. However, his campaign ran into trouble late in the race. Now disgraced, former Bay State Treasurer, Timothy Cahill, was playing the hard-charging independent candidacy. With Deval Patrick sporting a lead, Cahill turned his guns on Baker. At that point, the Governor easily outflanked Charlie during the debates. A race that was meant to be close turned into a ten point thumping. Mr. Baker lost because he could not escape the smear campaign against him. He retaliated, and appeared quite nasty during the debates.

The campaign is quick to point out that we're looking at a new Charlie Baker. The candidate has a cute name for it: Charlie 2.0. I don't mean to be overly pessimistic, but if Charlie 2.0 is anything like Mitt 2.0, then the Republicans are in trouble.

The good news is that Baker seems to have learned a few lessons from his defeat. In the two months since he joined the race, Mr. Baker has raised just shy of \$400,000. Remember, Baker does not have a running campaign account, unlike other employees of the Commonwealth now running for the top job. His fundraising starts from scratch. Barring any

star-studded late entrants, the donor network can coalesce around his campaign, and while the Democrats are duking it out, Charlie can build a fortress for the General Election.

All in all, get excited Massachusetts. This is going to be a race for the ages. After two terms of Deval Patrick, I think it's time we send someone new to the "corner office." Massachusetts needs a Governor with the stomach to tackle the big issues. One that will battle the culture of corruption on Beacon Hill, and who will seek to address runaway pension liabilities. In my humble opinion, Charles D. Baker is the guy to get it done.

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Bringing your girl home she can bring up with them.

Physical affection. Let her know about how your family demonstrates physical affection. Maybe your mother isn't a hugger and it would be best if you girlfriend offer her a handshake. Maybe she needs to be prepared for your father to kiss her on the cheek (as us Italians do).

House rules. Should she take her shoes off when she comes inside? Will your parents expect you to sleep in separate rooms? Do you say grace before meals?

Remember to keep looking at the situation from her perspective. Remember that she may not be as comfortable as you are. Remember how nervous you were when you met her family? This will help you guide your behavior and remind you to do what you can to make your girlfriend feel comfortable.

Offer her food and drinks. On the first visit, she's not going to feel comfortable grabbing things out of your fridge, and she doesn't know where stuff like the glasses and utensils are. So take the initiative in offering her refreshments.

Praise her in front of them. It's not polite for her to bring up her own accomplishments and strong points. But you can, and you should. If she is an excellent cook, point it out. "So and so started a tutoring program for disadvantaged youth that just landed a big grant." If your family is like mine, mention how great of a shot she is with a rifle.

Finally, stick with her as much as possible. This is the most important rule. Maybe you haven't seen your cousin for a while and you're tempted to leave her at home while you two go to the cigar lounge. In this situation, you need to put your girlfriend first. Hopefully, later she will feel more

comfortable around your folks. But on this first visit (and for several thereafter), stick by her as much as possible.

Hopefully I have given you ample advice, preparing you to be able to smooth things out with the first meet quickly. Thanks, and have a Merry Christmas.

Favorite Westerns

bolic road to redemption for each of them. The acting and screenplay is top-notch. Despite the movie being filmed in 1939, the movie is still fresh and engaging.

3) The Searchers

In this film, also directed by John Ford, John Wayne gives the most intense acting performance of his career as the dark and vengeful Ethan Edwards A man who vows to kill the Comanche raider who murdered his sister in law, brother, and took captive two of their daughters. Wayne does a fantastic job in embodying a conflicted, complex man whose racism and desire for revenge sets up a highly morally ambiguous situation.

4) Lonesome Dove

Technically this isn't a movie, rather a TV mini-series, but I don't care. *Lonesome Dove* is a Western every man should see, even if you don't like Westerns. Its themes of friendship, regret, and love will resonate with any man. The action scenes are just icing on the cake. Based on the Pulitzer Prize winning novel by Larry McMurtry (a leather-bound copy is sitting right on top of my bookshelf at home), *Lonesome Dove* follows two retired Texas Rangers as they lead a cattle drive from South Texas to Montana. The production is bar none the best in Western cinema. The costumes, the locations, even the way the characters speak make you feel like you've been plopped on a horse in 1876 America. But what really separates *Lonesome Dove* from the rest of the Westerns are the characters. Thanks to top-notch writers, *Lonesome Dove* is one of those rare movies that make you feel like its fictional characters are real life people. Not only that, you feel like old friends with them by the end of the story. You'll cheer their triumphs and (trust me) you'll shed a manly tear when tragedy strikes. Do yourselves a favor and rent the complete series and watch it. You'll be a better man for it.

5) Unforgiven

Cinema often glorifies the Old West as a mythic time when good guys wore white and bad guys wore black. In *Unforgiven*, director/actor/producer Clint Eastwood shines a light on the dark, violent, and morally ambiguous aspects of life in the frontier. Eastwood plays William Munny, a once notorious and violent killer. Now, he's just a farmer and father who is mourning over his dead wife. His old life comes back to haunt him when he is asked to do a hit on a cowboy who assaulted a prostitute. Will is transplanted from his farm in Kansas to a town in Wyoming

where Sheriff Little Bill Daggett (Gene Hackman), a mean son-of-a-bitch will stop at nothing to prevent the hit from going down. This is not your grandpa's Western.

While this list covers some of the most classic and iconic Westerns, it does not begin to scratch the surface. Some that did not make the cut include: *High Plains Drifter*, *The Man with No Name* trilogy, *Red River*, *True Grit* (both of them), *Rio Bravo*, *Tombstone*, *The Assassination of Jesse James* by the Coward Robert Ford, *The Shootist*, and anything involving Wild Bill Hickok (although I could be biased about that due to me being a Wild Bill junkie. I'm even writing a book about his life). I hope I was able to give you some valuable insight on one of the most American of all genres. And I hope you watch some of these during our upcoming break. Have a safe and joyous Christmas WSU. I'll see you in 2014.

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A change in attitude may be what the country needs to get into the swing of things and improve the daunting problems we see every day, economically, socially, and politically.

If people would talk more about domestic problems rather than the stress of foreign issues, there may be a chance to handle them more clearly and communicate largely with others and get out to the polls to reach common goals.

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could cause this sort of feeling within the Japanese Navy? It would seem that only Admiral Yamamoto believed his plan was worth the effort, though he did not know that the US plan for retaliation was not a blind aggressive charge, instead a tactical and slow movement across supply lines. Therefore, those in the Japanese Navy who knew of the change were left stunned when the attack commenced and waited for retribution as it were that would be within weeks of the attack.

The Japanese failed in another strategic aspect: they believed that battleships would fight the majority of the naval war. Instead, the US responded by massing fleets centered on aircraft carriers that completely threw off the Japanese Navy and confused the high command in Tokyo.

Now, despite all of these failures, the war was a traumatic experience for us. It was the first time since the War of 1812 that we had suffered an actual military attack on our own soil. Not that either event was a great experience, but the same can be said of the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001. The sheer reaction that we Americans had during both events was horrific. However, what can be said

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through our suffering is that we were able as a nation to rise together, take on our foes abroad, and bring those who committed those atrocious crimes to justice.

Now, let us not forget the sacrifices that the men and women in our military undergo to protect our country from foreign threats.

Like those we have endured in the past and to mitigate the damage that said threats caused. In the end, if you were to get anything from this, it would be to never forget our history. Also, remember that there is always our armed servicemen between us and anyone who wants to hurt us.

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"Sly Eye," The third track, the anti-street harassment "Catcall," is my favorite track on the album: not only is it the strongest musically (and very danceable), but it is the best lyrically as well. The fourth track, "Idle Hands," is a fuzzy, grunge-inspired tune focusing on the band's vocal harmonies and further showcasing their in-your-face attitude. These Brooklyn girls have attitude, and if you're looking for a refreshing punk album, check out TinVulva.

Recommended Tracks: "Catcall," "Idle Hands," "Floppy Fish," "WKD?" "New Year's Day," and "Ten Pounds Of Skin" (available on bandcamp).

5. Split 7 with Stresscase - Cerce

The now defunct female-fronted Boston-based hardcore punk band Cerce released their final album, Split 7 with Stresscase, this year. This album shows Cerce at the height of their powers, and it was a shock to see them disband. However, this album serves as a testament to Cerce's legacy as one of Boston's best hardcore bands. The split starts off with "Damaged Goods," one of my favorite Cerce songs. The lyrics are angry, introspective, and the entire band refuses to let up its full frontal assault, complete with screaming and pounding drums. "Intrusions" is another one of my favorites, and it is even harsher than "Damaged Goods." "Intrusions" is all start and no stop with slowly, stalkingly sung and screamed lyrics such as: "Tell me who you think I am, tell me what I am, tell me what I've become." The last song on the split, "Blossom," is everything Cerce rolled up into a one-minute track. I can't recommend this split enough.

Recommended tracks: The whole split (get it on vinyl from Mayfly Records. Previous Cerce releases can be purchased digitally on bandcamp).

6. Demonstration -

Lovechild

Lovechild features some of the former members of Cerce. Demonstration is their debut EP, released in June of this year. Lovechild is a Boston based hardcore band with a different vibe from Cerce. Lovechild is a more 'typical' sounding hardcore band, nevertheless, they are pretty great and worth a listen. The EP starts off with "We Are Nothing Alike"—starting off slowly, while quickly growing exceedingly faster. The drums are ruthlessly massacred as the vocalists shout into the microphone. The EP is very short (consisting of only three songs) and is available on bandcamp.

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dough until all of the filling is gone. This will make about 30 to 40 large Ravioli or 50 to 60 smaller ones.

Note: If using that day, you can keep them out to air. If not, as you get a baking sheet done put them in the freezer and let freeze completely then put them in an airtight container.

9. To cook, fill a large eight quart pot with water, bring to a rolling boil and then add the salt. Reduce the heat to bring to a gentle rolling boil and then add the ravioli. Cook about four to five minutes if fresh or seven to eight if frozen. Using a spider remove them from the water and place on a platter with your favorite sauce. It can be tomato or a nice pesto sauce.

Ryan Cashman is a sophomore communications and theatre arts double major and the food columnist for The Westfield Voice.

Games & Leisure Dogs

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Horoscopes

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)
In the coming week or so you will be approached or contacted by a man claiming to be a lost Nigerian prince that needs a little money to start up again. Believe him, he will make you immensely wealthy.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)
This week you might win the lottery and you might be asked to provide some bank account information. Don't do that and instead give them your social security number, you'll get your money much quicker that way.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)
If you get offered a chance to get up even higher in this world in a suspiciously easy way, take it. Although the stars find it difficult to believe that you could ever be in a position that isn't the top to begin with. You are just that fantastic.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)
You will likely find yourself in a dire financial position this week due to some poor investment choices. It will take some time, but you can come back. There are some signs that there are some associates of a currently wrongfully imprisoned investment banker that can help you.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)
Don't bother ordering those pills online that will change your internal body chemistry. You are fine and beautiful at whatever internal body chemistry you have now. The way your regulatory glands do or do not work does not matter in the slightest. The stars have something coming your way that will be fantastic regardless of what is inside of you.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)
It's the holiday season, so donate to some charitable causes this week. Donate to organizations that help the poor, or maybe that Kickstart attempt to write a children's book about 15th century Gregorian chant. The stars

give signs that great things will come to you when you help others.

Libra

(September 23 - October 22)
Are you a gambler? Luck may just be within reach for you this week. If you at first fail, keep trying, because the stars tell you that each failure increases your odds of winning greatly.

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)
If you have a significant other, you may be approached by a man who wants to buy them for 3 goats. The stars tell you that you should haggle with this man. They are certain you can get at least 5 goats (or two goats and an ox). Use your better business sense.

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)
You might meet a person of romantic age for you that just happened to fall upon some hard times. You just might need to give them a bit of help. If they hurt you, they were probably never worth your hard work. Find someone who appreciates your efforts.

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)
This week you might get infected with a mind virus. Don't worry, though, because it's completely preventable and/or fixable. There will a person selling an anti-mind virus pills on every dimly lit street corner or so. These people will be your best friends.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)
You'll want to take every offer from so called "junk mail" that you get this week. You will get a lot of interesting and exciting adventures this way, and nothing can possibly go wrong.

Pisces

(Feb. 20 - March 20)
Click the links in those strange advertisement boxes. Nothing can go wrong with them, and you can always get a new computer. You can't always get new opportunities.

Poll Question: Who would win in a rap battle? Kendrick Lamar or Eminem?
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Strategic planning and the 175th anniversary to be the university's focus this semester

In an interview with The Westfield Voice, interim president Elizabeth Preston expressed optimism that the 175th anniversary and the events associated will be the focus, not the presidential search.

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Elizabeth Hall Preston, interim president of Westfield State University, is not interested in the permanent position of president.

Preston, who has been in that position since Nov. 8 after the resignation and retirement of embattled now-former president Dr. Evan S. Dobelle, spoke to The Westfield Voice in an exclusive interview

conducted before the start of the semester.

She said that even if she were to be interested, Richard Freeland, commissioner of higher education, would not allow it. "Commissioner Freeland... is very clear that interim presidents are not eligible to be candidates for the permanent position," she said.

She continued, "He was very clear on that point when we had a conversation and that's not a problem for me."

The position of interim president fell in her lap in a way. According to her,

Preston spoke about a range of topics in an interview, which lasted about 35 minutes.

She holds optimistic hopes for the campus this semester, espe-

cially in the realm of the 175th anniversary of the university that has been an ongoing theme throughout the year. The university released a 2014 calendar that features history of the university, and the committee that plans the events surrounding the anniversary met to revisit their plans.

The former chair of the Communication department addressed the presidential search process as well. The process has not begun, she said, because the board of trustees has been tied up with the lawsuits related to the scandal that brought down her predecessor.

"The board of trustees is really who conducts the search and I don't think they feel like until they're on the other side that they are in a position to be doing a search," she

said.

The search is conducted by the board of trustees. Typically, a search committee would consist of trustees, administrators, faculty members, and students. Their charge would be to sift through the applications and pick final candidates.

These final candidates would be subjected to the microscope of the campus. They would be brought to campus to participate in interviews, forums, meetings, and one-on-one discussions. This process is not necessarily dissimilar to that of finding a faculty member.

In order to get to the point of creating a selection committee, the 2012-2017 strategic plan needs to

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President's Award for Excellence in Leadership recipients



The recipients of the President's Award for Excellence in Leadership (from left to right): Katherine Robinson, Brittany Moniz, Meaghen Chalmers, Josephine Lannon, interim president Liz Preston, Melissa Stello, Casey Anne Dupelle, Jessica Lindsay.

The 2013-2014 President's Award for Excellence in Leadership was awarded on Dec. 6. The award is intended to recognize outstanding accomplishments in academics, community service, and civic engagement. To qualify for the award, students are required to have at least a 3.3 GPA, community service experience, and a commitment to citizenship to the university or a community organization. A committee of faculty, administration, and students select winners from a sizeable pool of nominees.

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EMILY HANSHAW, Managing Editor

News from other schools

The Daily Collegian,
U OF MASS., AMHERST

The campus has seen a significant decrease in the number of off-campus incidents in the past year. An off-campus conduct report showed that there were 41 fewer incidents this past semester than there were in the fall of 2012.

The Harvard Crimson,
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

The growth rate of Harvard's endowment is trailing behind the national average for American colleges and universities, according to data released on Tuesday.

The Daily Campus,
UNIV. OF CONNECTICUT

Xavier Hemingway, former offensive tackle for UConn, was arrested Thursday for larceny of the sixth degree.

The Daily Orange,
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Though they make up a third of the full time teaching staff at Syracuse, TAs are paid significantly less. This was shown in a recent survey conducted by the Graduate Student Organization.

Dobelle's lawsuits are still on; bills pile up for university to the tune of \$1.2 million

Matthew Carlin
Asst. Managing Editor

As of Dec. 26, 2013, the university is facing upwards of over five-hundred thousand dollars in legal fees for just the beginning stages of the controversy involving Evan Dobelle alone.

Dobelle has filed a suit against Westfield State University pointing out that the Westfield State 2013 audit found no evidence of fraud and confirmed that the schools fiscal state was strong under Dobelle's administration, unlike claimed earlier by the defendants.

In addition to Commissioner Freeland and Trustee Chairman Jack Flynn, the defendants included in the suit are the University, Board of Trustee members Elizabeth Scheibel and Kevin Queenin; the Brain-tree-based auditing firm of O'Connor and Drew alongside Rubin and Rudman who is the firm representing Westfield State.

Earlier in December, the defendants collectively motioned to the U.S. Magistrate Kenneth P. Neiman to throw out the suit, arguing that Dobelle resigned voluntarily and was not forced out like Dobelle insists.

By Dec. 27, Dobelle initiated a second lawsuit



Former university president Evan S. Dobelle at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for University Hall Sept. 19. Dobelle resigned in November amid a scandal related to his spending habits.

against the university in Hampden Superior Court in an effort to "recover lost wages, legal fees and other miscellaneous costs" that are related to his resignation early in the fall semester. Ex-president Dobelle is also seeking a court order that would require the university to pay for legal expenses from state investigations into his travel and spending.

The suit puts to words what Dobelle has stated in the last few interviews, "Dr. Dobelle's resignation was forced, not voluntary," and that the university "has the unmistakable intent to bring about his termination."

The trustees were scheduled to meet the 13th of this month to discuss the impact of these legal fees on the year's budgets.

Dobelle has accused the University of conducting unwarranted investigations into the use of his university credit cards and those given to him by the Westfield State Foundation.

Dobelle also says the university failed to recognize the whistleblower status Dobelle feels entitled to after he acknowledged that he violated school policy.

Dr. Dobelle is suing Westfield State for dodging its responsibility to pay off his legal fees that he says

was contractually guaranteed.

As of the 13th of this month, Westfield State University is facing more than \$1 million in legal bills and fees from two lawsuits and the continuing subpoenas from the state investigators. As such the university is seeking state aid to cover the costs related to the Dobelle controversy.

Trustees are to vote on Feb. 13 on the proposal to use \$1.2 million from the reserve accounts that normally total about \$15 million. More information will be made available in this newspaper when it becomes available.

Student Gov't holds first meeting, State of Campus address on Feb. 4

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

As Westfield State University's campus is being reenergized with a new year and hopeful students for the spring semester, the Student Government Association is back on the job to be the leaders and the voices for the students of this great university.

Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, first let Dr. Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs, speak to the SGA and welcome them back. Pickron took the podium and hoped the restful students had a peaceful and productive winter break.

Pickron continued by reminding the students to support the university and the sports teams in the new semester. He then announced applications for the

Disney internship would be out on Feb. 6; an email will be out to students with more details.

The letter from Dr. Elizabeth Preston, interim president, to the campus on Jan. 21 was "a good solid letter" said Pickron. He was optimistic that Preston will join the SGA in a meeting in the next couple of weeks and said she is looking forward to coming down and giving the students updates about the university.

Susan Lamontagne, dean of students, gave a warm welcome back speech to the students. Lamontagne said that she is thrilled to have everyone back and told them that "there's so much energy you bring that we kind of miss when you're gone."

The madam president reclaimed the podium and hoped all the members had a relaxing break. Fote then used her presidential powers to approve Lauren Grams as the class of 2017 president for the 2013/2014 academic year, which was passed.

Fote's first big announcement of the year to the SGA was about the third annual "State of the Campus Address," which is on Feb. 4 at 4 p.m. on Dever Stage. The State of the Campus Address is when the president of SGA addresses the entire campus talking about the new year for students and what's next in the future for Westfield State.

Stone Koury, student

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Dance Company finance proposal causes stir at Tuesday's SGA meeting

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

As temperatures drop into the teens, the Student Government Association lite a fire that kept all the members on their toes in this week's productive meeting.

Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, opened up the meeting by introducing Beth Teague and Brenna Closius, who spoke for the Relay for Life Club and their upcoming event. The Relay for Life event, which will be held for the first time at Westfield State, is a 16-hour, overnight walk to raise money for cancer research. It will take place at the Woodward Center and all the money will go to The American Cancer Society. The Relay for Life Club meets on Thursdays at 8

p.m. in University Hall. Students are encouraged to sign up and the event begins on April 4th and ends on the 5th.

Fote introduced her next speaker, Morgan Suddeth, who is with MASSPIRG and the Hunger and Homeless Campaign Coordinator. Suddeth talked about three events that Westfield State could take part in to help alleviate hunger and homelessness. A banquet, hunger clean up event, and ongoing service events, which run approximately every two weeks, are the three major events for the spring semester. Suddeth also hoped that the university could raise \$3,000 dollars to be donated to the Samaritan Inn Homeless Shelter.

After all the guest speakers were done, Fote gave her report to her fellow

members. Her first duty was accepting the resignation of Lieutenant Mike Foyle as an SGA advisor. Next, Courtney Keddy was approved to be an SGA representative at large for the remainder of the 2013 and 2014 academic year, which passed. Scott Seskevich was also approved as a SGA representative-at-large.

The madam president then gave her big announcement about the State of the Campus Address, which is being held on Dever Stage at 4 p.m. on Feb. 4. After the address, Dr. Elizabeth Hall Preston, interim president of Westfield State University, will be speaking to the SGA.

Fote also highlighted the email sent to all students about the new shuttle service to Lansdowne Place.

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Writers may also visit the office in the Ely Campus Center, room 305 during office hours.

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Two high-level WSU officials fired

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Waleska Lugo-Dejesus and Nanci Salvadio, two high-ranking officials in the administration of former president Evan S. Dobbelle, found themselves without jobs last Friday.

Lugo-Dejesus was the multicultural affairs director and executive assistant to the president. She was implicated in the August 2013 O'Connor & Drew report as accompanying Dobbelle on some of his trips.

Salvadio, associate vice president for alumni and community relations, was more closely related to the scandal, however. It was her credit card that Dobbelle used once his was turned in to the finance office.

She is a 1973 alum of then-Westfield State College. She was very involved in athletics.

There has been no official comment (as of press time) from the university.

Jack Flynn was quoted in some of the local press as refusing to comment on a "personal matter."

Rumors have been swirling related to the matter.

Search queries carried out on the university website of their names turned up no results, but a statement from the university is not expected.

Voice of the Week

First-year reminds seasoned senators of their obligations

This past Tuesday, Student Government vice president of finance Joshua Frank submitted a finance proposal to the Senate for \$2,952.50 to go to the Dance Company to attend a Rockettes training session in New York City. Steve Mailloux, representative-at-large, expressed that the proposal was a rather tall order and would result in a dramatically low balance in the SGA club account. But it was what was said after Mailloux that stood out. First-year Alex Doming, a rep-to-Senate from Dickinson Hall, had the courage to remind the senators that they do not have to say yes to this one if they genuinely do not believe that it is a good idea. That is why Doming is our Voice of the Week.



Alex Doming

What got you to run for Student Government?

I just wanted to make sure that my voice could be heard. I felt that I really could express the view of others and use being an elected person to make sure we do things that benefit the student body.

What is your role on your Hall Council (beside being an SGA Rep)?

I try to make sure that all of the representatives on

"Along with what Steve [Mailloux] said, I think we've said yes to just about every proposal but we don't have to be afraid to oppose something."

-ALEX DOMING, DURING TUESDAY'S STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEETING, REGARDING A PROPOSAL UP FOR DEBATE THAT WOULD GRANT THOUSANDS TO THE DANCE COMPANY.

my council are on the same page with things and make sure that they're motivated and fully willing to participate in the activities in Student Government and Hall Council.

What inspired you to say what you said during the meeting?

I thought that we really needed to ensure that everybody on Student Government knows that they're there for a purpose. That purpose is to repre-

sent the views and varying opinions of the entire university.

Are you happy with the results of the vote on the proposal?

I personally thought that it shouldn't have been approved but on the other hand, it definitely seemed to reach other senators to make sure that contention within the SGA meetings is warranted if we're trying to do something productive so in that end I am happy.

LiveText allows students to create an e-Portfolio

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

A new method to submit assignments has been offered by the university. LiveText is an online service that allows students to submit assignments, create an e-Portfolio, and receive grades.

The service is available to students on a subscription basis, which is required to be purchased this semester in thirteen courses, eleven of which are education courses.

"[Y]ou will be able to use your electronic portfolio in the job seeking process, setting you apart from other candidates," wrote Cheryl Stanley, dean of education and interim dean of graduate and continuing education, in a letter mailed and

emailed to students.

Stanley also hinted that there would be more courses that will require a subscription to this service in future semesters.

The \$120 subscription is carried through the bookstore in the Ely Campus Center. It is a one-time fee that expires a year after the completion of a student's program at the university.

However, it is not yet available for purchase as of press time.

Eric Nelson, general manager of the Barnes & Noble Campus Bookstore, said that he found out that they would need to carry LiveText 10 to 14 days ago.

The order was sent as late as this past Monday, according to Nelson.

Obviously, students

have not been able to purchase their subscriptions, which could pose problematic academically. Stanley's letter was postmarked Jan. 17 so students did not have a lot of time to put aside the \$120.

Nelson said that they

would be available in the bookstore by end of this week or early next week.

Professor Erol Bailey from the education department is the LiveText Coordinator. Any further information can be found by contacting him at ebailey@westfield.ma.edu.

Classes in which a LiveText subscription is required for purchase in the Spring 2014 semester

EDUC 305, Literature & Language Arts
EDUC 306, Elementary Curriculum & Instruction
EDUC 308, Early Childhood Instruction
EDUC 311, Social Studies in Elementary School
EDUC 370, Language/Communication Dev. & Interv.
EDUC 371, IAPP (Moderate Spec. Needs)
EDUC 381, Early Int. Yng Child Spec. Needs
EDUC 506, Elementary Curriculum & Instruction
EDUC 508, Early Childhood Curriculum
EDUC 571, IAPP (Moderate Spec. Needs)
EDUC 581, Early Int. Yng Child Spec. Needs
GNSC 360, Methods of Teaching Science El. PreK-6
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We Are Westfield: A night celebrating the arts, culture and unity.

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Celebration of Life

2/10

Complementary Lives: The Common Thread Between Booker T. Washington and Samuel E. Courtney

2/12

From History to New Success

2/13

Library Poetry Walk

2/19

Soul Food Dinner

2/20

Gospel Concert with Ebony Food Fest

2/24

Big George: One-Woman Show about Georgetta Holmes Stevens

5:30 – 8:30 PM, Scanlon Banquet Hall

Performances by: Dance Company, So Seductive Step Team, Urban Ed Gospel Choir, UMass Belly Dancers, Conjunto de Bomba (Amherst Regional High School), Cayena (UMASS Latinos Unidos) and more.

4:30 – 6 PM, Owl's Nest

A film about an interracial couple who was charged with breaking Virginia's anti miscegenation laws in 1959. Discussion lead by Dr. Pickron, Vice President of Student Affairs.

4 – 6 PM, Owl's Nest

Honoring the life of Nelson Mandela and Reverend Martin Luther King. Guest speaker Dr. Nomazengile.

12:30 – 1:30 PM, Loughman Living Room

Take a glimpse into how, from a very young age, Booker T. Washington and Samuel E. Courtney's lives intertwined and continued until Washington's death. Both born into slavery, both eager for education, and both dedicated to the freed Negro and their right to obtain a quality education.

3 – 5 PM, Ely Television Studio, Room E324

A cross-cultural, inter-generational workshop 'experience' about the intersections of history, career success and life in a diverse, digital world.

4 – 5 PM, Library, Ely Campus Center

Poetry and spoken word pieces related to Black History Month will be read throughout the library.

4:30 – 8 PM, Dining Commons

Soul food in honor of Black History Month.

6 – 8 PM,

Western New England University, Rivers Memorial Hall

Annual Gospel Concert combined with Ebony Food Fest. Performance by the Urban Education Gospel Choir.

7:30 – 9 PM, Dever Stage

"Big George" is a one-woman show about Georgetta Holmes Stevens. Performed by her granddaughter, Kelli Stevens Kane. "Big George" is about connections that span generations—to family, to community, and to our authentic selves. Kane performs as herself and a host of real-life characters, incorporating poetry, oral history, movement, and sound collage.

From the online editors' virtual desks

The Westfield Voice Online is in limbo

Michael O'Loughlin
Online Managing Editor

Andrew Morin
Assistant Online Editor

The Westfield Voice website is in a state of limbo. Attempts made to contact the company were without success. Our license with Col-

lege Publisher was not renewed. This leaves us here at the online edition in a bit of a pickle, so to speak. Here's the situation: We are unable to make any design or format changes to the site because apparently customer service no longer exists over at College

Publisher.

Let's begin with a brief history of our relationship with our friends at the company. The process of building the site began in the fall of 2011, with the site going live about a year later. A relatively smooth and user-friendly site, the

online edition was born. The site was helmed first by our current editor-in-chief Joshua Clark, and succeeded by Michael O'Loughlin. The Westfield Voice had a seamless relationship with College Publisher until the fall of 2013, when the communication problems began.

Connecticut, Georgetown University, and Syracuse University responded to our inquiries. UConn and Georgetown said that their problems were eerily similar. Syracuse's newspaper The Daily Orange said that after they began losing contact with College Publisher, they went to a new service. Upstatement, which is a service run by three Syracuse alumni, gave us some good insight on our quest for a new site.

However, insight is all they could give us. Upstatement's fees proved to be too costly for The Voice. Don't be discouraged! The Voice staff is currently trying to rebuild the online edition from the ground up. The editors are working in conjunction with the computer science department in order to launch this new site. We are currently looking for outside help to reach this goal. Anyone interested should contact The Voice for more information.

In the meantime, The Voice's online edition is still expanding. The online staff has recently gained two new staff members. The new assistant online editor Andrew Morin and social media coordinator Joshua Minardi are welcome additions to the paper. Again, as work on the sight continues, we are accepting any outside help or suggestions. We hope to have a new website up and running soon.

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MASSPIRG: Survey says students are opting out of buying textbooks; they demand lower prices

From news release

Today, a survey released by MASSPIRG at Westfield State University shows that 65% of student consumers have opted out of buying a college textbook due to its high price, and nearly half say that textbook costs can dictate whether they take a course.

Over the past decade, college textbook prices have increased by 82%, or at three times the rate of inflation, making them one of the biggest out of pocket expenses in college. Book prices are unnecessarily high and pose a serious cost barrier for students and families.

In recent years, alternatives to new, print textbooks have become widely available through rental programs, used book markets, and e-textbooks, which are digital versions of print books. While these markets offer students upfront savings, their prices are still determined by the cost of a new print book.

"Even though used books and rental programs are saving students money, the price of textbooks is still going up. We need the federal government, states, and most importantly – individual campuses – to support and invest in alternatives outside of the traditional textbook market," stated Jacob Lehan, an intern with MASSPIRG. "The best alternative for students

is open textbooks."

Open textbooks are faculty-written and peer-reviewed like traditional textbooks, but they are published under an open license, meaning they are free online, free to download, and affordable in print. 82% of survey respondents said they would do a significantly better in a course if the textbook were free online and a hard copy was optional, which is exactly how open textbooks work.

Open textbooks save students \$100 per student, per course on average.

More and more open textbooks are becoming available and used in classrooms, as states and individual campuses establish their own open textbooks programs. From the University of Minnesota, the University System of Maryland, and Tacoma Community College, campuses have already begun opting in to the open textbook model.

The amount that students are spending on books and supplies topped out at \$1,200 this year, according to the College Board. That's equivalent to fourteen percent of tuition at a four-year, public college – and thirty nine percent of tuition at community college. However, the report notes that spending on books has risen more slowly over the past 5 years than previously,

and credits the increase in rental and used book options.

The report also notes that the federal provisions passed in 2008 to increase textbook price transparency are having some impact. Students are able to see textbook prices during course registration, and faculty can see individual book prices, all of which can steer students toward used books and rentals.

Nonetheless, the

publishing industry continues to control the marketplace. Student consumers are still captive to high costs as prices on new print versions of books determine prices for used books. In order to actually turn the price curve downward, models that operate outside of traditional publishing need to be brought to the marketplace.

"The high price of textbooks is inhibiting students the ability to

participate in the courses they wish to take. Creating a system of cheaper textbooks or open textbooks would help students successfully further their education," Rachel Trammell explained.

The report, entitled "Fixing the Broken Textbooks Market: How Students Respond to High Textbook Costs and Demand Alternatives," can be viewed on our website at www.MASSPIRGstudents.org.

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From 'The Voice' Vault

Knapik discussed budget cuts at Student Government meeting

This article was published in the April 7, 2003 issue of The Campus Voice.

Tom Perron
Managing Editor

Senator Michael Knapik, Republican Massachusetts State Senator, said that we are experiencing "troubling times," while speaking at last week's Student Government Association (SGA) meeting.

Knapik, who represents the second Hampshire and Hampden Districts, came to the Westfield State College SGA meeting to discuss Governor Mitt Romney's prospective budget cuts for the next fiscal year.

When the state's budget is cut Massachusetts will be in a \$3 billion deficit, which will be alleviated by taking cuts from many different areas of state funding; from higher education to courts and transportation.

Everyone will share in a piece

of budget cuts, he said. "I don't want to see things erased," Knapik said. The state's budget should be in place by July 1, whether it be "good, bad or indifferent," he said.

"We know there will be changes," Knapik said.

Some of Romney's ideas on how to fix the budget deficit include tuition and fee increases, as well as a reorganization of the state college system.

Knapik said the plans are Romney's "vision of the world."

In some situations, Knapik said that the Senate is open to new visions and new ideas. In other areas, however, Knapik said he is satisfied with the current operations and is "comfortable with our old shoe."

If Romney's plans are passed, the state could regain \$2.1 billion of the \$3 billion budget cut.

Knapik did state that the Senate will not go through with everything that Romney is proposing.

Instead of only thinking of items to cut from the budget,

Knapik said, "We need to come up with new revenues."

Knapik discussed the idea of state gambling regulations and Romney's idea of asking Connecticut to give Massachusetts money to keep the state from building casinos. Knapik said that this idea would not work because there is always the chance of allowing casinos in Massachusetts.

Last year, to help with the budget, the state of Massachusetts increased its cigarette tax by 75 cents.

Ideas the Knapik threw around included income tax and sales tax increases.

He said that if the state increased income tax by .6 percent, from 5.3 to 5.9 percent, the state would incur \$800 million in revenue. If the state increased sales tax by a penny, from five cents to six cents on every dollar of items purchased, the state could make roughly \$1.4 billion.

Knapik said that even if you in-

crease sales and income tax, "nothing gets you to \$3 billion."

If Romney did try to increase both of these taxes, it would "ruin the state's economy," Knapik said.

Knapik added that nothing is final yet and decisions are always being made, especially in the weeks to come.

Rhannon D'Angelo, SGA President, said that one major way to influence the state legislature is to get your voice heard.

D'Angelo said that SGA will be sponsoring a "stationary Day" on April 9. Tables will be setup in the lobby of Ely from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 a.m. At this table, people can pick up free stationary, envelopes and stamps to write letters to their state representatives and senators about Romney's plans on reorganization, D'Angelo said.

"People can write to their legislators saying what they don't like about the reorganization and how it will affect them personally," D'Angelo said.

Candidates for governor battle in first televised debate

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Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

On Tuesday night, the four candidates for the upcoming gubernatorial election in Massachusetts gathered for the first televised debate this year.

The Democratic candidate, current Governor Deval Patrick is fighting for his seat while facing challenges from Republican candidate Charles Baker, Green-Rainbow candidate Jill Stein, and independent candidate Timothy Cahill.

The candidates all engaged in a lively one-hour discussion, touching on different issues

with the ever-present concern of the budget and the economy of Massachusetts at the forefront of the debate.

With the unemployment rate at nine percent, talk of the economy and potential solutions dominated much of the debate.

While Patrick explained how his administration has worked towards reviving the economy, Baker argued that the governor has not worked hard enough limit government spending.

Baker promised to cut taxes and make a more affordable model for the Commonwealth while Ms. Stein argued that the best way to cut the deficit is to cut waste and to save.

Stein argued that "sweet-heart deals" are a problem in the current administration and

that Massachusetts needs to put its people back to work and create more green jobs.

Cahill used his experience in improving the budget for education to demonstrate that he could handle the deficit problem.

Patrick and Baker engaged in some heated exchanges, especially dealing with the economy.

When Patrick said that Baker did not deal well financially with the Big Dig, Baker accused Patrick of blaming his problems on a project that happened 25-30 years ago.

In regards to Patrick's changes in the state pension system, Baker said it was "a blunt when we should have been swinging away."

Patrick's response was "you call it a bunt. You've never even swung at the ball."

Stein and Cahill let the two leading candidates battle it out during their tense exchange of words.

Although economic issues dominated most of the discussion, towards the end of the debate the candidates shared their views on immigration.

Baker and Cahill took the position that the state needs to act while Patrick and Stein argued for a national resolve to that issue.

Overall, all of the candidates gave clear and compelling arguments and it remains to be seen what, if any, change the debate will have on the leading candidate in the polls.

Opinions & Editorials

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2014
RACE RUGH, Editor

“Christie’s bridge is falling down, falling down, falling down, my fat lady...”

Race Rugh
Op-Ed Editor

There is a trend in this country, and for all I know across the world (with the exception of places like North Korea and China), to vehemently chastise politicians for things they have supposedly done. Though it shouldn't come as a surprise, we do live in a country which places evidence just about last on the list of things it values.

A perfect example of this is the current accusations against New Jersey Governor Chris Christie stating that he did in fact know about the lane closures prior to them happening. Or that he knew about them after they happened but sooner than he publicized it.

Most of the criticism for this is coming from the left, which upsets me because I am a Democrat. If you piece together everything that is known as of now about the current Christie situation, nothing conspicuously jumps out at you as him having prior

knowledge of it.

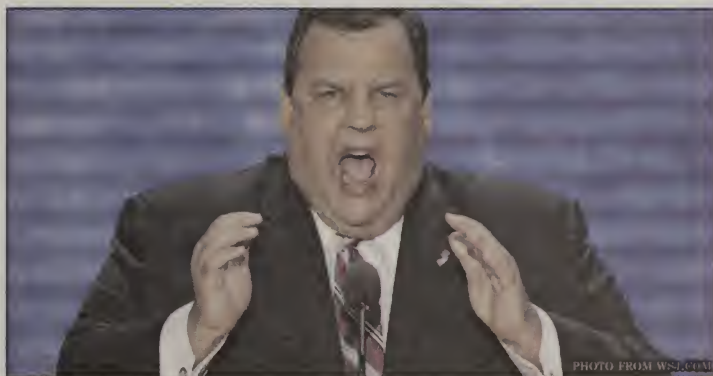
Now, I'm not saying that one shouldn't criticize and question him about what we do actually know. After all, it is his administration at the bottom of the pile. I just think we should look at the facts.

A scandal like this can do serious damage to a politician's career, especially when he is at this point the potential vanguard for an entire party in this next presidential election.

Contrary to what most conservatives seem to believe, the fact is that the country is not in the worst shape it has ever been in. It is not at its best, but most certainly not at its worst.

This is important to keep in mind because this next presidential election is going to be exceptionally crucial when it comes to continuing the nation's progress, and Christie's administration may have blown it for him.

Christie has an apparent history of abusing power. Recently released information has Christie using hur-



New Jersey governor Chris Christie.

ricane relief funds to pay for endorsements. According to a New Jersey news site, Christie “helped channel \$6 million in federal Hurricane Sandy recovery dollars” to a senior center in return for a public reelection endorsement from the town's mayor. I was skeptical about the story at first, it hardly seems worth \$6 million for an endorsement from a town's mayor. But, as more evidence is being compiled and publicized, it has become reality. (Perhaps his administration would have stopped all the power running to the senior center if he

didn't get the endorsement.)

The point is, these things are detrimental to someone's credibility. They also need to be seriously taken into consideration. When we look at what we want in a person running the country, we don't want a history of misusing money, or of political retribution in ways that affect ordinary citizen's lives. (I specifically don't want someone who claims to be all for public education but at the same time severely cuts its budget, but that is a whole other article.)

I truly believe that

given the history Christie has, and the type of administration under him, his presidential potential has been seriously lowered. There is plenty of time for him to do some great things, but at this rate I just don't see that happening. There's no telling how this current situation will unfold itself. In the end, he could have been aware of the situation the entire time. If you put his aggressive political history into perspective, it is not entirely implausible.

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The Seventh Side

This world needs more opinions, and so I give to thee, your weekly dose of satire

Dear Privileged Readers,

It has come to my attention that the paper, this paper, the very paper you are reading right now (or luminous light wall, if you happen to be reading this online), needs more information. What kind of information, you ask? The right kind of information. And what is that? That is for me to decide and for you to lap up like the sheepish, uninformed readers

your capitalist overlords (or communist, depending on where you were raised) secretly manipulated you to be.

This world needs more opinions. It needs more liberal opinions, conservative opinions, moderate opinions (however mythical they may be), unicorn opinions, religious opinions, and agnostic opinions (if they can ever make up their minds). It needs a satirical voice. Why? Because I can say whatever

Sind T. Zelony
Not an A&E Editor

I want that way. If I want to truly suggest that the way to solve the minimum wage issue is to implement a program to sell the poor's children as a new food source, I can do that and simply call it satire, like it has been done in the past. Many will laugh, sure, but my message will get out there. And the true believers, just like the true

Beileibers (Stay strong, your time will come!), they'll know exactly what I mean.

Still, I suppose I better explain more about what I'll call The Seventh Side. I'm referring to the seventh side of a die. Think of other opinions and facts as the other sides of a die, and what gets presented in the paper is based on an arbitrary rolling of that die. I present the unseen side of that roll. Some may find it a strange analogy, but that

side may exist, however unlikely, and since it's not there, someone needs to talk about it. All things are possible, and you need to be ready and fearful. Because the stories that don't happen? The opinions that make no sense? They're the most important ones.

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Boy, we need some spring weather

Robert Richards
Voice Columnist

The start of the spring semester has brought many old faces back to the Westfield State University campus, and it is bringing a slew of new faces too. We welcome our new freshmen, foreign students, and transfer students.

The spring semester has started but it seems that Old Man Winter is still blowing out cold air. It doesn't really feel like spring semester, does it? Well, the good news is that spring officially starts on March 20th. Can we wait for Old Man Winter to leave us alone?

The cold was more tolerable when we had all the nice lights and festive season a month ago. It seems that when the bright lights go out, the shopping frenzy winds down, and Santa is fin-

ished eating his milk and cookies while giving out his last gift, we are reminded of the cold reality; winter is here.

The cold weather is unpleasant for everyone on campus, especially for commuters waiting for the shuttle bus in South Lot. One student waiting for the shuttle in South Lot jokingly said to me, "So much for global warming."

The weather has had students running or walking extremely fast to buildings around campus.

However, there are a few students who choose to embrace the polar vortex by wearing shorts.

These few brave students have made claims that it "[isn't] that cold out" and don't seem to be bothered by the cold. It's amazing to see these students take on superhero powers, and I hope they don't get sick, because

it was extremely windy, cold, and "blah" outside.

It is great to see students in the Ely Hall mingling together in high-energetic conversation while drinking some hot coffee from Dunkin Donuts, enjoying the smooth tones from a gifted pianist in the background. Most anyone would say that this is the best way to combat the winter elements.

The sad, cold truth of this extreme polar vortex is that Old Man Winter wants to stay for a little while longer. The weather reports are forecasting another cold and windy week. So, if you park in South Lot, run to the shuttle bus; if you are brave enough to wear shorts in these elements, you're crazy; and if you like to huddle around the piano in Ely Hall to combat the elements, that's great. All in all, just stay warm!

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From the Editor's Desk

'House of Cards' serves as a reminder to us all of the importance of privatizing our social media presence

There is an episode of the American version of House of Cards in which the show's protagonist, Congressman Frank Underwood, sabotages the president's secretary of state choice with an anti-Israel editorial in the newspaper he edited as a college student.

It would be hard for anyone to predict that this, the second episode, was my favorite—until I saw the third episode. This winter break allowed me to reflect on this last semester.

While I primarily focused on how I could include more time for academics into my schedule, I also focused on whether any of my editorials in reference to the Dobelle scandal or its related tentacles would come back and bite me where I wouldn't want to be bitten.

I have come to think that they wouldn't. College newspapers are a tricky operation. They are twenty, sometimes twenty four, page publications that have hyper-focused coverage on one college or university.

When covering a big story like the Dobelle scandal, for instance, the same university officials with whom I am relatively friendly go on the defensive in an attempt to protect the university. This is through no fault of their own; it is their job.

Getting the facts requires digging and prodding, all necessary facets of journalism. The objective and subjective pieces that appeared were certainly critical of the university, trustees, and administration. But they were necessary, and for that I have no regrets.

I stand behind the articles that were printed and posted and will most likely stand behind them five or ten years from now.

A simple search of "Joshua Clark Westfield State" on Google returned a lot of what I expected: the directory of articles on west-

fieldvoice.com, my personal and newspaper Twitter accounts, the Daily Hampshire Gazette article I was featured in, some Student Government stuff, etc. None of this stuff is anything that I would regret any future employers finding.

The point of this editorial is simply to make sure you are reviewing your Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, or any other social media you might be involved in. While you may have your privacy settings maxed out, you never know what mutual friends that you and your boss or future boss have.

Our social media presence tells a lot about us.

Waleska and Nanci

There is a lot that could be said about this. I've never had the pleasure of knowing Nanci Salvio beside her involvement in the Dobelle scandal, so I cannot comment on a professional relationship that I had with her.

As for Waleska, however, there is plenty. I first met Waleska in the spring of 2012 when Rob Donoghue, Amy Wing, Erin Bates, and I were planning our trip to Paris.

She was Dobelle's executive assistant, so she was intimately involved in the process from start to finish. She was in charge of the travel arrangements and ensuring that we arrived there safely.

When we returned, we got in touch to talk with Dobelle and her about our trip.

When I became a senator, and even later the editor-in-chief of this newspaper, I worked with her on some multicultural affairs initiatives. Most recently, a collaboration between myself,



Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Waleska, Jocelyn Herrera-Lazo, the Student Government Multicultural Affairs representative, presented to you the programs that are now being held for Black History Month.

As you will recall, we ran an article written by Jocelyn soliciting

ideas for programs being held for the celebration of the month. We even ran the proposal form on the website.

According to Waleska, while the response was slow, it did pick up. The result is a very rich and interesting line-up of events for Black History Month.

After my interview with Liz Preston a couple of weeks ago, her and I spoke for about an hour about the affairs of the newspaper and related subjects.

To say that I am disappointed in this is an understatement. Even though it is a personnel matter, there has been no official statement from the university regarding the matter. One should not be expected.

People in Waleska's (and almost Nanci's) position serve at the pleasure of the president. If there are other people that could better serve in their roles, it is not unusual for replacements to occur.

Their firings weren't unexpected, to me anyway. Their proximity to the details of the Dobelle scandal made it all too obvious that it was coming. The writing was on the wall when the ink was drying on his administrative leave.

Nanci's credit card is almost certainly at the center of this whole thing, while Waleska just happened to be there when he was spending some of it.

I have said and continue to say that Dobelle was treated very

unfairly by the press, and the university as a result, but these firings are just two more in a line of adjustments that will be made to the roster in the Horace Mann Center.

Our online edition

This week, we ran an article written by two of the editors who are working on our online edition.

There has been a disconnect between us and College Publisher, the company who we contracted to provide us with an interface to run our website.

In my capacity as online editor from 2011–2013, I found their customer service to be spotty, but almost reliable. Kind of like that car that you still drive although you know that it could die any day now.

We are working on trying to find a solution to this problem, one of which being starting over.

I have consulted advice from a couple of professors, our advisors, and other editors, and the move seems to be imminent.

If you have any web design or web language experience, please contact us. Email thevoice@westfield.ma.edu or come to our office in Ely 305. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to another fantastic semester.

Shameless plug, however: please make a point to attend the State of the Campus address, which is being given by Taylor Fote, who is the president of the Student Government Association.

If you have been reading The Westfield Voice to catch up on Student Government, you have a desire to stay informed. Take that a step further and hear it from the mouth of the "madam president."

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Gentlemen's Weekly

J.R.R. Tolkien's The Hobbit has lessons that still ring true today for kids and adults alike

The Hobbit has been a favorite for children and adults alike since its publication in 1937, and thanks to the two widely successful movie adaptations (and that awesome old cartoon version), interest has been renewed in Bilbo's adventure.

When it was first published, it was marketed as a children's story and even won prizes for juvenile fiction. Tolkien himself, however, said that a simple tale like The Hobbit can be enjoyed by children and adults alike, making it a great story to read with your children.

For those who aren't familiar with the story, the reluctant hobbit Bilbo Baggins is recruited by a wizard, Gandalf to join a group of 13 dwarves on an adventure to reclaim their home and their treasure

under the Lonely Mountain, which has been taken over by a dragon named Smaug. Together they cross valleys, mountain ranges, murky forests and raging rivers in order to make their way back home to the Lonely Mountain to fight the dragon.

There are many lessons we can glean from The Hobbit, but today, I will be focusing on just a few of the tale's most significant takeaways.

1. You can aspire to and achieve greatness no matter who you are and no matter your stage in life. This sounds extraordinarily like a cliché, but do you believe it? Contrary to what the movies would have you believe. In the book, Bilbo was 50 years old when he set out on his adventure. He had "little to no magic" and "didn't like to be called audacious". He



Joshua Minardi
Social Media Coordinator

was a thoroughly middle-aged man who was set in his ways. He lived comfortably, ate and drank much, and enjoyed his cozy home.

And yet, Bilbo ultimately becomes the hero of the story. He often complains and longs to return home, but he presses on. He even gets to a point where he can feel the desire for adventure calling out from within him. It is important to get out and have some fun. Will you be an empty nester or retire

with a quiet, comfortable life? Or will you say "yes" to whatever adventure or dream is trying to make itself heard from within your spirit? When you feel yourself starting to doubt yourself, harness your inner Bilbo Baggins. Say yes, take the first step outside your door and keep going.

2. A great leader knows when it is time to step back and let go. There are plenty of leadership lessons we can learn from Gandalf, but his wise style of mentorship is what stands out most. While he does a fair amount of travel with Bilbo and company, he ultimately leaves them to their own devices.

A great leader and mentor will certainly assist his followers, but there comes a point in which the leash has to come off. It's difficult because it means you have to trust the

person with whatever task you've charged them with. You're giving up control of the situation, which is difficult for humans to do. Think about what a great coach does. He teaches and guides, but he isn't the one who wins, it is the team that wins. He puts his trust in the players to execute the plays. The same thought rings true with parenting. The instinct is just to hold the child's hand forever, and yet there comes a day when you have to let go, even if it means allowing them to make mistakes and giving them space to find their way through those mistakes.

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The Liberal View

The federal minimum wage needs to be increased from \$7.25 to \$22 if we were following productivity

One of the topics I was most anxious to hear about in Barack Obama's Jan. 28, State of the Union Address was the rise in minimum wage, because these days every dollar counts. Obama is planning to have workers under federal contracts be paid at a minimum wage of \$10.10.

The last time federal minimum wage was raised, was during George W. Bush's presidency when it was raised to \$7.25 and

finally signed in 2009.

This was first introduced last year by Democrats as the Fair Minimum Wage Act and will hopefully be enforced sooner than later.

Last year Obama said, "This single step would raise the incomes of millions of working families." He then went on to say, "It could mean the difference between groceries or the food bank; rent or eviction; scraping by or finally getting ahead."



Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

Though this is great news for many, and progress in some ways, the scale of minimum wage

to work performed by the average employee has skyrocketed (especially since the age of computers has taken over).

CNN reports that, "If the legislation passed, a full-time minimum wage worker would see a bump in pay from about \$15,000 a year to roughly \$21,000, which could lift a family of three above the poverty line."

As of Jan. 1 individual states have already raised their minimum wage, in-

cluding Washington, which raised its minimum wage for workers to \$15 an hour.

According to a Jan. 8, Quinnipiac poll, 71% of American voters support raising the minimum wage. This includes a majority of Republicans, 52% of whom support it. This is great news, too, for making bipartisan progress in Congress as well as with the public.

In March of 2013, Senator Elizabeth Warren ad-

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The Conservative View

Obama's 'State of the Delusion' address proved to be disappointing as always

This week, President Barack Obama addressed the nation in the annual State of the Union address. News stations across the nation were buzzing about the potential topics that President Obama would address, and the potential GOP and Tea Party rebuttals. However, it was a disappointment to say the very least. Obama kept his speech lite and rarely provided any specific evidence for his claims. Rarely has any State of The Union been filled with declarations as this one; the President declared he was prepared to issue three executive orders this

week alone and even staying how the country and him will not "stand idle." In his speech, there was little remarks regarding the economy and mentions of the debt itself were missing entirely. Since the government shutdown fiasco and the debacle involving the NSA, it seems that Obama thinks that America is sick of hearing about all these issues.

However, it was decided that Obama will switch from the massive disappointment that is our debt and economy and focus more on social issues. Actually he pretty much declared that the administration this year will be



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the year for social issues. Dedicating the rest of his speech to the problems surrounding women inequality in the workplace, and then to the loophole filled policy that is our immigration policy. Obama called for congress to act because "when women succeed, the

country succeeds!"

Obama pointed out the fact that women in our country make only seventy-seven cents for every dollar a man makes. In an age where women are business leaders, it's about time for this country to modernize with the rest of the world and be an actual example of an equal society.

In one of his statements Obama told members of congress that it's time for immigration to be reformed (a move that got a big display of disgust out of House Speaker Boehner). For Obama, immigration reform has been a major platform issue as he has stressed it in the last

two elections. Yet, he has done really little to actively pursue the issue until this point (potentially). It's difficult however, for any critic, to comment on Obama's speech since there was little in it except for expectations and promises.

A few notes for those who might have wondered what he meant by calling on congress to close down Guantanamo bay... Yes, Obama is calling on our representatives to close a facility that he originally closed and opened himself. If someone could explain that to me you can find my contact information on page 10.

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3. OneRepublic - Counting Stars
4. A Great Big World - Say Something
5. Eminem ft. Rihanna - The Monster
6. Passenger - Let Her Go
7. Lorde - Royals
8. Lorde - Team
9. One Direction - Story of My Life
10. Bastille - Pompeii

Top 5 Albums

1. Andy Mineo - Never Land
2. Of Mice & Men - Restoring Force
3. Frozen Movie Soundtrack
4. Casting Crowns - Thrive
5. Beyonce - Beyonce

Top 5 Movies

1. Ride Along
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3. The Nut Job
4. Frozen
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Upcoming DVDs

1. About Time
2. Baggage Claim
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4. Romeo and Juliet
5. Free Birds

Young the Giant is 'maturing in the right direction' with their new album

Tessa Newell
Voice Reporter

Mind Over Matter, the new album released by Young the Giant, is the perfect example of a band maturing in the right direction.

Young the Giant, a Southern California alternative-rock band, released their second album on Jan. 21, 2014 as a follow-up to their first album, "Young the Giant" which debuted in 2011.

It definitely takes a listen through the album once to adjust to the new sound of Young the Giant. Unlike their first album, they've invoked a more centralized use of synthesizers and most of their songs drive much harder and faster than any of the easy, breezy tracks on *Young the Giant*.

Listening for the first time, I was taken aback and a little upset that one of my favorite bands had altered their sound. But by the second listen of the album, once I had accepted this was basically Young the Giant on steroids, I could really appreciate the changes in a positive way.

While *Young the Giant* had an almost stripped sound to it, *Mind Over Matter* offers songs with

a much fuller sound using driving guitar riffs and powerful intermittent percussion, but particularly through their vocalist Sameer Gadhia. Gadhia has a beautifully unique voice that could distinguish the band no matter how drastically they changed their sound. I was pleasantly surprised that Gadhia had a chance to really show off what he can do in *Mind over Matter*, versus only having one or two songs on "Young the Giant" where he could show off his vocal chops.

There was also a more definitive theme throughout *Mind Over Matter*. The idea of paralysis comes up frequently (even in a song title -- think they're hinting at something?), like in the main line of the stand-out single from the album *It's About Time*: "All the years of paradise, paradigms, paralyze us." The majority of these songs also tackle relatively heavy motifs such as overcoming obstacles in life, understanding one's place in the universe, and the idea that people often allow their own self-doubt to be their downfall.

These themes are delivered through well-thought out, meaningful lyrics unlike anything that was seen on the band's



first album. Instead of writing about trivial matters such as walking to a lovers' apartment in the rain and relying on sweet, catchy melodies to carry the songs, lyrics on *Mind Over Matter* don't seem like an afterthought but a priority.

My favorite thing about the album was the song "Firelight." While I was falling hard for the borderline-metal version of the band, with its up-tempo guitar, get-up-and-spontaneously-jam worthy synth effects and screaming vocals courtesy of Gadhia, I was so thrilled to hear a song reminiscent to the soft, sweet sounds of

the band's first album in this piece.

This was a nice reminder that the band hasn't changed so much that they're unrecognizable, but has merely matured and improved upon itself while still maintaining the sound they started with, even if it's not the consistent sound of the album as a whole.

If Young the Giant can keep finding ways to stay grounded in their indie, alternative-rock roots while continuing to be self-aware enough to keep improving their sound as they evolve, I can't imagine that there's anything they can't do.

Knowing to Cook

Gastronomical Times Ahead!



Julia Child is as influential a cook as anyone, and many of her recipes have given families delightful dinners.

Ryan Cashman Voice Columnist

As the New Year begins, I often find myself thinking about years past and how it all lead to here. Thoughts race through my mind like horses around a track and with each lap another thought takes lead. This New Year, not surprisingly, I found myself thinking about food. I thought about food I love, food I have yet to discover, and the multitude of techniques I still

need to learn.

Over the break, I began reading *My Life in France* by Julia Child. The book was filled with wonderful personal tales of the years Julia and her husband, Paul, spent in France and was written in such a way that you could hear her narrated in the back of your head.

However, apart from being a lovely insight into America's favorite foodie, the book brought to mind ideas that had been floating about in the back of my

head for quite some time. Julia Child set a standard: that anyone can cook. During the 1940s-50s, while Julia was living in France, America was stuck in a gastronomic lull; food was not special. What Julia discovered while in France and training at the original Le Cordon Bleu, was that a life centered on food and love for people was the life she was destined to live.

Julia's opus, *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, revolutionized the way food is perceived in America. Food was now something to be loved and cherished rather than just a necessity for survival. However, more importantly (and this brings me back to the ideas floating around in my head), Julia Child made it possible for any average person to have the confidence to cook like a professional chef. No longer was fine food unattainable for the middle class American family; now everyone had the capability to create something magnificent. In reading *My Life in France*, I realized that the world of food is ever changing. Julia Child opened America's gates to the cuisine of the world and now this country

is the biggest gastronomic melting pot in history. Cuisines of different cultures are being blended, restaurants are creating exciting new ways to entice their patrons' palates, and there are more food shows on television than ever before.

All the exciting and emerging trends happening in the food world can be overwhelming; so much so that I often find myself thinking: what's wrong with the good old fashioned way? Up until now, my concept of "the good old fashioned way" was Julia Child. While reading *My Life in France*, I realized that there is no "old fashioned way." Despite being taught the Classic French Technique, Julia was always excited and fascinated to be learning these new concepts and applying them to her cooking and to her life; everything was new!

As Americans, we strive to look ahead and delve into the unknown in order to make the most fantastic of discoveries, which is why the term American Ingenuity exists. I am constantly bombarded by more rhetoric from politicians about

all of the things Americans shouldn't eat or drink and that the fast food industry is singularly to blame about the obesity in the nation or that teachers are now beginning to check the lunches of elementary school students to see if they have "healthy" lunches, which happened to my younger brother. This makes me worried about the food world, because now there is a constant fear about what goes in our stomachs rather than enjoying what goes in our stomachs. Who cares if you eat meat or you're a vegan or if you don't believe in fast food? That's fine! Just don't tell me what I can and can't eat!

Yet, despite all of this nonsense constantly finding its way to my ear, I am very hopeful about the future of food. More and more I am discovering that people have a deep love of food, even if they have different philosophies. It is the love of food that brings everyone together and creates the desire to create and achieve more. I see good gastronomic times ahead!

Recipes will resume next week.

Buona Tavola!

Lyndon's Album Reviews

Godswilling by The Swills presents a familiar hard rock sound

Lyndon Seitz A&E Editor

Sunshine Still: The Way The World Dies- This is mostly soft rock which almost whispers to the listener. "Boot" is an interesting track, and the last two thirds of the album has a sense of poignancy and importance to it that I enjoyed. It slows down, but it slows down with great purpose, and it's rather relaxing to the listener. Some listeners may find it rather boring, but I feel that in this instance it would depend more on personal taste. Overall, it's a nice album

that some people might enjoy under the right circumstances.

Sweaters: Phylum - At first I thought this would be a nice rock EP that would present a strong effort to try and do something different. After listening to it, I found I got a highly predictable and slightly repetitive set of five songs instead. In addition to this, the songs didn't seem to have much flourish to them, which is nothing wrong in itself, but in this circumstance the music wasn't strong enough to be without it. It was an exercise in concentration trying to be open-minded enough to try not to predict

exactly what was going to come next. I wouldn't really recommend it to anyone, there's better stuff out there.

The Swills: Godswilling - Hard rock the likes of which you have most likely heard before. The music is quite good, reminding me maybe a little of a lighter Black Sabbath, but the lyrics at times I found comically clichéd, to the point where they ruin what would be great songs such as "Love or War" or "Conspiracy Theory." I normally don't mind this, but after a certain point such lyrics get distracting, and it crossed that line several times over.

I want to recommend this, but unless you don't understand English I can't do so in good conscience (and if you can't, how are reading this review?).

Tall Dark Stranger: There It Is - This is one of the most fun and interesting albums I've reviewed in a long time. It never likes to stay in one place, and yet still seems to retain a root in either progressive rock or classic rock. The only missteps on the album (which are few) are when the progressive rock elements are taken too far, and the album is at its best when it finds its balance, and you never find yourself the rela-

tively long tracks to end. I absolutely recommend this album, I highly doubt it will disappoint.

Tallhart: Bloodlines - Rock that seems to have a little of a pop-punk vein in it. Sometimes the vocals try to overdo it a bit, and it just narrowly avoids being great because of this. I found myself really on the fence with this one, the lyrics are better than most of what I hear, even if the music is in most cases nothing extraordinary. The best track on the EP in my opinion is the emotion-filled "Wolves," so check that track out if you're interested and listen as a whole for good music.

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Mike Gordon to release solo album Feb. 25

Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

Mike Gordon, bassist and co-founder of the band Phish, will be releasing his fourth solo album on February 25, titled *Overstep*. This album follows the 2010 release of his third studio

effort, *Moss*.

The first single from the new LP is "Yarmouth Road," a song Phish fans are already familiar with due to its appearance on the band's 2013 Summer Tour. "Yarmouth Road" is an extremely catchy, summery, reggae-fueled number telling a tale

of gardening, a lonely house, and unrequited love.

Another song to be included on the album should also be familiar to Phish fans: "Say Something." "Say Something" was only played twice during Phish's 2013 Summer Tour, but promises

to be a big hit with Mike Gordon's touring solo project, The Mike Gordon Band. This is a slick, smooth number penned by the writing duo of Gordon and his frequent writing partner, Scott Murawski, guitarist for the Mike Gordon Band. The falsetto-infused tune is sure to get audiences bouncing on Mike's upcoming winter tour in support of *Overstep*.

Gordon and Murawski penned the tunes right here in New England, so I expect some of the tunes to have some local references and flavor. However, I could be wrong: Gordon is full of surprises, and I expect nothing less from *Overstep*.

The album is available for preorder on Phish Dry Goods in a wide variety of formats—CD and vinyl, as well as MP3 on iTunes. The vinyl record is a two LP set pressed in blue vinyl. You can also order a deluxe bundle, complete with T-shirt or notebook and pencils. *Overstep* is sure to be Gordon's best solo effort yet, so be sure to listen once it is officially released!

Also, the band will be stopping in Boston, MA at the House of Blues on March 28, and in North Adams, MA on April 5, so make sure to attend at least one (if not both) of these shows. Tickets are on sale here at <http://mike-gordon.com/tour>.

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Owls Sports

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ANDREW BURKE, Editor

Westfield sports find success during winter Westfield Swimming beats Bridgewater State on January 20



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Westfield's Kerry Sullivan takes the lead on her way to winning the 100 backstroke.

WSU Athletic Department

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Senior Kirsten LaMotte (Amherst), junior Katie Sterpka (Barkhamsted, CT) and junior Holly Arel (Chicopee)

each won two events to propel the Westfield State University women's swimming and diving team to a 171-126 victory over Bridgewater State University on Monday, Jan. 21.

The Owls even their record to 3-3 with the victory

over their conference rival; Bridgewater is 7-6.

Sterpka provided the meet's main storyline as she broke a 24-year-old school record in the three-meter diving (six dives) with a score of 273.15. The previous record of 271.35

was set by Lori Vincent in 1990. Sterpka also dominated the one-meter diving competition with a score of 256.50.

LaMotte was a double winner in the 50 breaststroke (33.33) and 100 individual medley (1:09.57). Also, she placed a close second in the 100 breaststroke.

Arel touched the wall first in the 100 butterfly (1:07.09) and 50 butterfly (30.17). In addition, LaMotte and Arel were members of the winning 200 medley relay team along with freshman Anna Boucher (Suffield, CT) and sophomore Haylee McQuay (Dartmouth).

McQuay finished first in the 50 freestyle (27.83) and second in the 100 freestyle. Also placing first for Westfield was junior Kerry Sullivan (Acton) in the 100

backstroke (1:08.85).

Earning second places for Westfield were Boucher in the 50 backstroke and 50 freestyle, senior Kaylee Hopkins (Southampton) in the 200 and 500 freestyles, and senior Emily Fullerton (Attleboro) in the diving events.

Bridgewater State had two double winners. Senior Chelsea Nolan (Lowell) took top honors in the 1,000 freestyle (11:55.14) and the 500 freestyle (5:54.60). Senior Nelia Borden (Westport) won the 200 freestyle (2:12.94) and 100 freestyle (1:00.34) and was a member of the winning 200 freestyle relay squad.

Also finishing first for the Bears were Ashley Duncan (Bennington, VT) in the 50 backstroke (31.18) and Sarah Rechiene (Southbury, CT) in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.46).

Track and Field places second on January 18

WSU Athletic Department

NEW LONDON, Conn. – The Westfield State University men's indoor track and field team placed second in the Coast Guard Winter Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 18.

Coast Guard finished first with 167 points followed by Westfield (135),

Eastern Connecticut (87), Trinity (73) and Rhode Island College (73).

The Owls had three individual winners. Senior co-captain Zack Madera of Southwick won the 55 meter dash in 6.75 and also placed third in the 200. Freshman Brian Garcia of Chicopee (Comp HS) placed first in the shot put with a heave of 46-6; he also fin-

ished fourth in the weight throw. Sophomore Stephen Parece placed first on the 1,000 meter run in 2:40.73.

Placing second for the Owls were; Matt Moussamih (600), Mike Kelleher (1,000), Jacob Clements (high jump), and Shawn Fournier (shot put).

Finishing third were Travon Godette and Anthony Lucia.



Zack Madera, left, and Mike Kelleher, are the captains and are leading the team to a successful season thus far.

Men's Basketball forces 29 turnovers in win over MCLA



Robby Jones drives to the basket in a game against Worcester State. He has had to step up with Jordan Santiago out with an injury and other key players leaving the team.

Joe Meehan
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State basketball team dominated a physical contest against MCLA on Saturday January 25, soaring to an 83-60 win.

Junior Captain Grant Cooper led the way for the Owls with 26 points to go along with 6 assists and 5 rebounds. Junior Dan Tessier also chipped in 15 points on 7-8 shooting from the field.

With the win, the Owls improved to 9-8 (2-3 MASCAC). MCLA dropped to 4-13 (1-4 MASCAC).

Ramon Viches got the scoring going for the Trail Blazers, giving MCLA an early 2-0 lead, but that would be the only lead they held all afternoon.

Westfield's Senior Aaron West, who finished with 4 points, knocked

down a jumper and Junior Dan Johnson, who finished with 10 points, converted a layup to give the Owls the lead for good.

Cooper led the way the rest of the half, finishing with 17 first half points, including a buzzer-beating layup.

Westfield's stifling defense held MCLA to 4-26 shooting in the first half, causing some frustration for the Trail Blazers that carried over into the second half.

That frustration helped Westfield to build a lead that climbed as high as 32, with MCLA sending the Owls to the free throw line 27 times (25-44 FT attempts for the game) in the half, including a technical foul and two hard fast break intentional fouls.

Senior Carl Stewart

added 6 points and ripped down 6 boards while Sophomore Brian Foley accounted for 4 points and 3 rebounds and contributed solid minutes off the bench in the second half.

John Jones led the scoring for MCLA with 24 points, most of which came late; long after the game was under control for Westfield.

MCLA turned the ball over 29 times in the game, leading to 31 Westfield points, compared to 15 Westfield turnovers for 17 points.

The Owls also dominated on the fast break, scoring 20 fast break points compared to two for the Trail Blazers.

Westfield hits the road to take on Fitchburg State on Tuesday, January 28, in another MASCAC contest, while MCLA heads to Salem State.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, December 12th
W BBall vs. UMass Boston L 49-72

Saturday, December 14th
W Swimming vs. Plymouth State W 155-123
M BBall vs College of New Jersey L 66-71
M/W Track at Northeastern Invite (Cancelled)

Saturday, December 28th
W BBall vs. Montclair State L 62-73

Monday, December 30th
W BBall vs Mt. Holyoke College W 65-57

Monday, January 6th
W BBall vs Suffolk W 67-51
M BBall at Newbury W 84-41

Wednesday, January 8th
Ice Hockey at Becker W 8-1

Thursday, January 9th
W BBall vs. Framingham State W 76-71
M BBall vs. Framingham State W 68-49

Saturday, January 11th
W BBall at Bridgewater State W 61-53
M BBall at Bridgewater State L 71-79

Monday, January 13th
M BBall vs Nichols L 68-80

Tuesday, January 14th
W BBall at Castleton State W 56-49
Ice Hockey at Southern New Hampshire L 4-5 (OT)

Thursday, January 16th
W BBall vs. St. Joseph L 64-70
Ice Hockey vs. Salem State W 4-3

Saturday, January 18th
M/W Track at Coast Guard Invite 2nd Place
W BBall at Salem State L 62-78
M BBall L 75-80 (OT)

Monday, January 20th
W Swimming vs Bridgewater State

Thursday, January 23th
W BBall vs Worcester State W 69-62
Ice Hockey at Fitchburg State L 1-3
M BBall vs Worcester State W 69-62

Saturday, January 25th
M/W Track at Springfield College Invite
5th/6th Place

W Swimming at University of Saint Joseph W 146-104
W BBall vs MCLA W 79-64

M BBall vs MCLA W 83-60

Ice Hockey at UMass Dartmouth L 3-6

Tuesday, January 28th
W BBall at St. Josephs L 72-83

M BBall at Fitchburg State W 66-45

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, January 30th
Ice Hockey vs. Worcester State 7:35 p.m.

Saturday, February 1st
W BBall at Framingham State 1:00 p.m.

W Swimming vs. Western Connecticut State University 1:00 p.m.

M BBall at Framingham State 3:00 p.m.

Ice Hockey vs. Plymouth State 5:35 p.m.

M/W Track at Dartmouth College Indoor Classic

Tuesday, February 4th
W BBall vs. Bridgewater State 5:30 p.m.

M BBall vs. Bridgewater State 7:30 p.m.

UMass Dartmouth downs Westfield, 6-3



Junior forward Frank Zuccaro starts a break against UMass Dartmouth. He had 2 assists in the game.

WSU Athletic Department

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. - Sophomore Mike Restuccia (Malden, Mass.) scored four goals to lead the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth men's ice hockey team over Westfield State University, 6-3, on Saturday evening, Jan. 25, in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC)

game at the Hetland Arena.

The Corsair forward took advantage of a power play opportunity and recorded his first score 50 seconds into the second period off assists from Shaun Walters (Plymouth, Mich.) and John Sartell (Wakefield, Mass.). With a one goal advantage and 15 minutes and 32 seconds on the clock, Restuccia hooked up with Walters and Sartell for his second goal of the contest.

Early in the third stanza,

Restuccia received a pass from teammate Billy Boudreau (Newburyport, Mass.), wrapped around the backside of the net and flicked home his third score of the game to put UMass Dartmouth ahead 4-3.

With 3:29 left in regulation the sophomore was able to beat the Westfield State goaltender for his fourth and final goal of the evening by linking up with teammates Walters and Sartell for the third time.

The Corsairs improved their conference record to 4-7-0 and 4-11-2 overall. The Owls dropped to 6-4-0 in the MASCAC and 7-10-0 on the season.

After Restuccia lit up the scoreboard twice, the Owls answered with three unanswered goals in a span of less than three minutes during the second period.

Westfield State sophomore P.J. McCadden (Mount Sinai, N.Y.) sparked the offensive surge when he received a pass from classmate Vince Perreault (Braeside, Ontario and) slipped the puck past the UMass Dartmouth goalkeeper with 8:11 on the game clock.

One minute and three seconds later, sophomore Kylian Kirkwood (Copper Cliff, Ontario) fired a laser from just inside the blue line to even the game at 2-2. Earning assists on the play were Frank Zuccaro (Newmarket, Ontario) and Taylor Murphy (Toronto, Ontario).

The Owls took their only lead, 3-2, with 5:38 re-

maining in the period when Zuccaro found Murphy for his sixth score of the year.

With minutes remaining in the second period Restuccia and Walters set up Sartell for a power play goal to tie the game at 3-3.

Under a minute left in the third, the Owls attempted to clear their zone, but Walters speared the puck with his glove, placed it on the ice and wristed his team-leading 11th goal of the season past a Westfield State defender and into an empty net.

JJ Solloway (Derry, N.H.) registered 38 saves en route to his second win of the season, while Eddie Davey stopped 33 shots in the losing effort for the Owls.

UMass Dartmouth converted on two of their three power play chances and Westfield State outshot the Corsairs 41 to 39.

UMass Dartmouth returns to play on Tuesday, Jan. 28 when they travel to Stonehill for a non-conference matchup at 7:00 p.m. The Owls play on Thursday, Jan. 30, at home.

Womens basketball beat MCLA, 79-64

WSU Athletic Department

WESTFIELD, Mass. - Sophomore center Forbesaw Nkamebo (Amherst) led a balanced attack with game highs of 16 points and 11 rebounds, and junior guard Jen Ashton (Beverly) had 15 points, seven assists and five steals to pace Westfield State University to a 79-64 women's basketball victory over MCLA on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 25.

The Owls, 11-7 overall, moved into sole possession of first place in the Massachusetts State Collegiate

Athletic Conference (MASCAC) with a 4-1 record. Bridgewater State and Fitchburg State - the other top teams in the MASCAC - sustained home setbacks on Saturday. Fitchburg, 3-1 in the MASCAC following Saturday's home loss to Worcester State, hosts Westfield in a key game this Tuesday.

Westfield's offensive attack featured four players scoring in double figures. Sophomores Keri Doldoorian and Taylor Travis scored 13 and 12 points, respectively, in the all-underclassmen starting lineup. Travis, a 6-1 forward, grabbed seven rebounds, and Doldoorian

added four assists and two steals. Westfield's fifth starter - freshman guard Alyssa Darling of Palmer - finished with six points, five assists and three steals.

"Execution was the key today," said Ashton, who is closing in on 1,000th career points. "We just put in a new offense and defense so we just had to work out the kinks."

MCLA, 0-5 in the MASCAC and 4-13, led once, 5-4 three minutes into the game. With the Owls pounding the ball inside to their tall frontcourt of Nkamebo and Travis, they scored eight straight points to take a 12-5 lead.

Westfield led 22-12 at the midway point of the first half but the hustling Trailblazers went on an 8-0 run to cut the deficit to two, 22-20.

Leading 31-27, the Owls scored nine quick points in the final 1:40 of the first half to take a 40-28 lead. Westfield made another big push early in the second half to lead by as many as 22 points.

Westfield outscored MCLA 14-2 during a three-minute stretch of the second stanza to take a 57-37 lead with 14:11 remaining. MCLA sliced the deficit to nine, 64-55, with 4:59 remaining, but Westfield

withstood the final challenge to pull away in the closing minutes.

Senior guard Kaitlyn Chenevert led MCLA with 16 points; she also had nine rebounds and three steals. Freshman forward Kayla Hotaling posted a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds and sophomore guard Mariah Brown tallied 13 points.

The Trailblazers shot 34 percent from the field and canned only 9 of 11 free throws. Westfield shot 42 percent from the floor and again shot well from the foul line, making 21 of 27 free throws. Westfield plays next on Saturday at 1:00.

Get Burked

The Super Bowl makes its case for a national holiday with the commercialism of American sports today

The commercialization of sports around the world and increase of recognition that athletes get throughout the U.S. has made the Super Bowl into a national holiday. Football is America's most popular sport, and Super Bowl Sunday is one of America's favorite days.

Sports are something that can bring people together in a multitude of ways. Whether they unite a city like the Boston Red Sox did this season with their "Boston Strong" campaign or through the first game that the Yankees played in the Bronx after 9/11.

However, they can also serve as a time for celebration. People spend the Super Bowl with their friends and family, similar to Christmas, Thanksgiving, or many other holidays. "Wings, Beer, Sports" is the slogan for Buffalo Wild Wings and those three things will be on most peoples' minds come Feb. 2. An estimation by the National Chicken Council expects about 1.25 billion chicken wings to be consumed throughout the game.

The game itself is something that is often second in many fans' minds, but who can blame them. With the average price of a 30 second ad being set at about \$4 million, businesses put their best foot forward just to have a memorable commercial. A 45-minute halftime show-casing Bruno Mars and the Red Hot Chili Peppers is guaranteed to be exciting.

Nonetheless, at the end of the day, it is about who walks away with the Lombardi trophy and who takes the confetti shower of

shame.

Super Bowl XLVIII has given fans the game that we have been wanting for the entire season: the league's number one offense playing the league's number one defense for the championship.

It should be no surprise that Peyton Manning is still playing football this late in the season. The Broncos have the best offense in the NFL without question with receivers like Welker, Julius and De-maryius Thomas, and Eric Decker. Peyton Manning broke Tom Brady's passing touchdown record (55) and Drew Brees' passing yards record (5,477) this season, cementing his legacy as the greatest regular season quarterback of all-time.

Seattle comes into the game with the spotlight on Richard Sherman and the "Legion of Boom," stemming from Sherman's outburst at the end of the NFC Championship game. The team as a whole only gave up 14.4 points per game throughout the entirety of the regular season while Denver racked up an NFL record 37.9 points per game.

When the 6:25 start time comes around (most likely 6:50), all stats should be thrown out the window. Each team will continue to play the way that they have all season, but the weather will affect both teams.

This is set to be the coldest Super Bowl since 1972, with a temperature of 39 degrees. The forecast calls for low 30s temperatures and mild winds. Manning is currently 10-10 in cold weather games in his career, and this is the most important one he has



Andrew Burke
Sports Editor

played. However, if he is able to win this game, he will become the only quarterback in NFL history to win a Super Bowl with two different teams.

This Super Bowl will be

one in which nerves may play a factor early on in the game seeing as exactly zero players on the Seahawks have ever played in a Super Bowl and Manning is the only player to have won a Super Bowl on the Broncos roster.

The Super Bowl is guaranteed to be a great experience, the game should be interesting and the commercials and halftime show are always perfect, unless Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake perform. The game is a toss up, and it is anyone's

guess who will win.

I wanted to take this time to separate from the article and say that I am taking over for Joey Cooper at the Sports Editor position. He has been with the paper since his freshman year and, unfortunately, could not continue this semester because of his internship at the Springfield Republican. On behalf of all Voice staff members, I would like to wish him good luck in his future endeavors and hopefully a successful sports writing career.

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be reviewed, Preston said.

Reviewing the strategic plan will allow the administration to figure out the direction that the university is going in. Once they know what direction they are going in, they will begin to figure out what kind of person they would like to select.

"[T]here's a lot to this strategic plan that we're focusing on. I think we're also taking a look at whether the strategic plan needs some revision frankly... Given the challenges that we're facing, not specific to Westfield, but in higher education, whether the strategic plan that we have in place really is adequate for dealing with those challenges and there's a committee on campus," she said.

This strategic planning discussion involves the Special Committee on University Planning, which has faculty, administration, and students in order to make sure that all decisions are holistically informed.

Preston opined, "Hopefully the folks that are working on that at SCUP can come back and talk about what they see with perhaps things they see that are missing in the strategic plan."

The campus has been looking for a positive environment to conduct their studies and work. With the optimism that the interim president is portraying, Westfield State could begin the process to move out of the limelight.

A list of events commemorating the 175th anniversary can be found on the university's website at westfield.ma.edu.

A transcription of the interview can be found on our website at westfieldvoice.com.

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Jan. 21 SGA meeting

Rebecca DiVico, vice president of student life, talked about the email that Joshua Hettrick, assistant director for housing, sent out to the students. This year students are able to log into myWestfield, go to the Campus Life tab, and click on the link under "My WSU" Housing.

DiVico went on and listed the features on "My WSU" saying "you can access your housing information, create a housing profile that links to your Facebook or Twitter account enter your preferences for living in the residence halls, request a room change, and go through the housing sign-up process." The key statement was that all students must to sign up this way. "Don't ignore it, just fill it out," DiVico stated.

Megan Durley was motioned to be the Apartment Complex president for the Spring 2014 semester.

Andrew Morin, Lammers Hall president, announced two open spots for the Lammers Hall Council, secretary and representative to SGA.

Overall, the SGA had a quick but productive meeting to start the year off for Westfield State University.

These events will feature new foods that are unique and not served with normal DC foods. Some of these events are free, but most require some additional dollars that go with a meal deal swipe. Durkee also reports that the committee is thinking about extending the lunch hours to end at either 2:15 p.m. or 2:30.

Gina Mannarino, SAAB representative, asked Durkee if he could bring up the thought of using the DC's non-hours of operation for study hours. Durkee replied by saying the committee would strongly not be in favor for making the DC open for twenty-four hours a day like it used to be. Vandalism and extensive theft have caused the DC to become secured, and with that security it closes at 8 p.m.

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Jan. 28 SGA meeting

The email has a schedule of the shuttle's arrival and departure times, which Fote said she would want students to "definitely spread the word on that. A lot of students should know."

Stone Koury, student trustee, gave a brief report on some dates for future events this semester. On Feb. 26, the university will have a planning conference to select leaders on campus to discuss the future of the University and figuring out a way to implement the student plan.

Then on the 27th, at 5 p.m. in the Scanlon Banquet Hall, the third annual Horace Mann awards will be given out for community working members who make a big impact at Westfield. Lastly, March 5 is the State House Day event where students from all public universities advocate for more funding for their public institutions of Massachusetts.

Joshua Clark, representative-at-large, gave his All-University Committee report for the SGA. He reported that nine items were sent to the interim president for her signature. Items sent were: the new Gerontology minor, which is the study of aging, the new Sociology/Psychology/Latino courses, and the change in the Alternative Academic Credit Policy.

Four other items were sent to the Curriculum Committee. These were changes in the requirements for the writing concentrations in the English program and the new Biology course, Biostatistics. Clark comically remarked, "I'll be waiting early by the computer to register for that one."

Rebecca DiVico, vice president of student life, stated that while all the building charges have reset for the new semester, buildings have already had damages in their first weekend with students living in them. She also reminded the members that the \$200 room reservation deposit is due Feb. 28. Students who fail to submit their deposit will get a late lottery number.

Tom Durkee, chairman of the Food Services Committee, gave a report on their first meeting of the semester. He first said that all students are welcome to continue to do the comment cards in the Dining Commons, whether they are positive or negative. He also announced that the DC would be having "pop-up restaurant style" events in the DC after regular hours.

Steven Kligerman, vice president of programming, reported that the Winter Whitout Weekend events were all successes. The spring weekend performers were also announced during the weekend and they are Sam Hunt, Craig Campbell, and David Nail.

On Feb. 7 there will be an anti-Valentine's Day event in the Owl's Nest at 6 p.m. There will be events such as "stuff a plush animal" where you stuff your own animal instead of giving something to someone else, an ice cream bar where you can eat away your feelings, and a comedian at 7:30 p.m. on Dever Stage.

Joshua Frank, vice president of finance, gave a very long report on the three financial proposals he had for the SGA. The first proposal was from the Musical Theater Guild, asking for money to cover extra costs for the stage and production supplies. Frank motioned to allocate \$200 for the club and the motion passed.

The Movement Science Club asked the Finance Committee for \$1,263.08. This would cover registration costs and half of the hotel room cost for the Eastern District Association of the American Alliance for Health and Physical education trip, which is in Road Island. The motion to allocate the money passed unanimously.

The last and controversial proposal was from the Dance Company, who was asking the Finance Committee for \$2952.50 dollars for a trip to the Rockettes' Master Class Experience in New York City. The funds would cover half of the registration costs and half of the bus rental cost.

After Frank motioned to allocate the money, Steven Mailloux, representative-at-large, commented on the decision to give all the money to the company. He said that the proposal would be cutting too far down into the Finance Committee's budget and it was only the beginning of the second semester.

Mailloux continued on saying that allocating almost \$3,000 to a club that, "while it is fun for some students, as opposed to something like Movement Science Club, which is more educational." He finished his statement by saying "I

find it very difficult that we want to allocate almost \$3,000 dollars to something that serves really no educational purpose."

Some SGA members were in favor of Mailloux's statement, such as Alex Doming, who encouraged senators to think critically about the proposal. Mailloux even motioned to send back the proposal to the committee where they could work out a lower number. Mailloux also expressed no bias towards the Dance Company, he personally wanted to see a lower number.

Frank said that it was common for most of the budget to get very low early in the semester because of how few events there are at the end of the academic year.

Fourteen members were with Mailloux's motion, but it didn't pass. Frank's motion, however, was passed.

The meeting was adjourned after a long, well-managed debate, which the SGA could have more of in the coming months of this busy semester.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be on Feb. 4, 2014 at 5:30pm in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

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Starting next week, I plan to give you words that construct ideas other than this. But for now, my opinion of myself is all that you'll need. Until then, live as long as health habits allow you to and be as productive as you let yourself be.

Mine truly,
Sind T. Zelony

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3. There are some things in life we just have to accomplish on our own. Just as a great leader knows when to let go, a mentee must embrace the challenge of sometimes doing it alone. One of my favorite lines in the book comes after Bilbo has killed a giant spider: "Somehow the killing of the giant spider, all alone by himself in the dark without the help of the wizard or the dwarves or anyone else, made a great difference to Mr. Baggins. He felt a different person, and much fiercer and bolder."

4. To simply continue on is one of the bravest things that can be done. Near the end of the story, Bilbo is in the mountain and ready to gaze upon the dragon that is guarding the lost treasure. He's alone, and in the dark. He could see the glow of the dragon's fire, but not the dragon himself. "It was at this point that Bilbo stopped. Going on from there was the bravest thing he ever did. The tremendous things that happened afterwards were as nothing compared to it. He fought the real battle in the tunnel alone, before he ever saw the vast danger that lay in wait."

His greatest battle was not with the dragon, but with his own will. He knew the danger the lay ahead. He didn't know what it looked like, but he knew it was coming. He steeled himself, and continued on. That singular moment of deciding to move forward was braver than any other thing that Bilbo ever did. Quite a statement, if you ask me. And yet, it rings true. Deciding to do something, with unknown waters ahead, is much harder than doing the thing itself. Our toughest challenges are mental, once you clear that hurdle, you can do just about anything.

5. A great story always has conflict or hardship. Imagine your life as a story. Imagine yourself sitting down with your grandkids and telling them the story of you. "Well, I made some money, bought a few cars, sat around and watched TV for a few hours every night, and that's about it." Pretty boring, isn't it? Now imagine that you can start hours worth of stories with "I explored...I traveled...I fell in love...I fought and won...I overcame...I sweated..." Not only would your story be better, but you would be far more satisfied with the course of your life.

J.R.R. Tolkien agrees: "Now it is a strange thing, but things that are good to have and days that are good to spend are soon told about, and not much listened to; palpatings, even gruesome, may make a good tale, and take a deal of telling anyways." He is saying that a life of good ease is a boring one. It's often what the American dream aspires to, but the reality is that personal growth, and even personal enjoyment are things that come out of some kind of challenge. Whether it's huffing and puffing and groaning your way up a mountain for the view at the top, or getting laid off and finally realizing you don't want to be in a cubicle anymore, joy is often found after a bit of trudging. Don't shy away from a challenge; you'll be much better off embracing it, and knowing that someday it will make for a great story.

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dressed UMass Amherst economics professor Dr. Arindrajit Dube, showing how the income to productivity ratio has rapidly grown out of proportion.

In her speech, she talks about the relationship of increased productivity and the raising of wages. Living in the western world, we should consider that the computer age makes us more productive by the minute.

The federal minimum wage should be changed from \$7.25 to \$22.00, if it were to be equated with worker productivity. She then asked Dr. Dube where that \$14 went if it was not to the worker.

She also argued that if an employee making minimum wage at \$22 (where the federal minimum

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wage hypothetically should be as of now) the food price would have to be raised 4 to 8 cents for the owner to make back the difference.

This has a huge impact on families, and also the largest consumers in America—the teenage and young adult population.

We, young adults, are the ones who consume the most. If we had more money to spend, we would be able to spend more while working fewer hours, which is less tiresome. In addition, this might create a happier state of mind and could even result in progressive social issues.

As someone who works in the fast food industry at a minimum wage of \$8 an hour, this would be huge for me individually.

Also, I would probably shop a lot more and sustain our capitalist economy instead of being so frugal with my dollars in my pocket, knowing I worked about an hour and a half for the necklace I might buy, or about an hour for my sandwich at lunch.

Amy Glasmeier, a professor studying wages at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), says there is still a difference between minimum wage and living wages. 18% of Americans agree that they must sacrifice one necessity over the other if living off minimum wage to make ends meet.

Glasmeier said that, based on her research and the region of an individual, livable wage must be anywhere between \$12 and \$25 an hour.

If the process of turning minimum wage into livable wage continues, it could mean great things for students. Students could pay off their loans faster, reducing the interest normally acquired in the loans. They could become more independent financially and open more doors quicker in the job market.

When prices of gas, stamps, interest loans, and just about everything else in reflection goes up, but minimum wage staggers, people have no way to make ends meet.

In Westfield alone live below the poverty line. When living conditions are less than adequate we can bet that education suffers as well—in a city where a University is located, this is shameful.

If the Fair Minimum Wage Act passes, it will impact thousands of children and young adults locally to make this city improve in more ways than one.

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Secondly, the President pointed out that the healthcare system is flawed, but “in case you haven’t heard we’re [the administration] fixing that.” Well, Mr. Obama, do tell! How long has your sad excuse of a website been up for? Why is it still broken? How is your administration going to dedicate yourselves appropriately to fixing and maintaining

this outlet for health insurance? How can you believe that America doesn’t want the answers to these questions?

To wrap up my little rant here, I would like to draw attention to fact that Obama refused to even talk about our “security issues.” Did he forget that the NSA was accused in a majority of our allied countries of espionage? You know those European allies that “have the strongest bond in history” with us. This was an opportunity for realistic situations and explanations, yet all I got was false hope and a flashback of empty campaign promises. Mr. President, I have one last question: Why was I lied to and manipulated?

Response to Daily Orange: “Ryan should replace Christie as GOP frontrunner for 2016 election.”

Normally I tend to read fellow conservative articles with a bit of pride and joy in my spare time. However, on the 29th of January, my editor-in-chief dropped off the usual stack of papers I needed to look over and sitting on top was an article regarding the presidential candidacy of Paul Ryan.

Never have I even considered the potential of Paul Ryan going beyond his career, and I never even expected him to keep his seat after his national debates. Ryan went head to head against Vice President Biden who as we all know is a horrible speaker and offends at least one country every time he opens his mouth. However, Paul Ryan likes to create countries every time he talks! (Hell, I bet Joe Biden in turn found a way to offend them while he was at it!)

Though, in all seriousness, I must respectfully and politely disagree with the statements that the columnist for the Daily Orange said. Christie’s scandal is a minor blunder AT BEST, not a career-killer that is being implied within the column. Conservatives recognize the benefits that Chris Christie has to offer as the GOP candidate, since he is a moderate republican known for reaching across the aisle to get legislation done for his state. Also it must be said that Christie, who now runs a more powerful leadership role amongst the republican governors, is able to influence more party members to support him, something that Ryan after his last run would be at a disadvantage for.

When I “think George W. Bush, Herman Cain and Rick Perry,” I do think of embarrassment. However, it must be said that the Democrats have had their fair share or poor leadership and crippled power bases. Does anyone forget how bad current Secretary of State John Kerry lost to George W. Bush in the 2004 election? Obviously if the democrats are putting their failures into cabinet positions they must really be stretched thin.

Horoscopes

Aries

(March 21 – April 20)

Your ability to comprehend sound and vision might be moderately compromised this week. This is a change from before, so it might take a while to adjust. Don’t worry, though, soon enough it will all be back to normal.

Taurus

(April 21 – May 21)

If you think heroes will come and save the day, there is actually a halfway decent chance of that happening. However, this does not mean that it corresponds directly with your day. The two aren’t really linked at all, the stars advise.

Gemini

(May 22 – June 21)

Everything this week will be hunky dory. It really will be. There is absolutely no sarcasm going on here. Really, you go on and have a nice week now. Say hi to the wife and kids for me, ok?

Cancer

(June 22 – July 22)

Changes will happen in your life. The changes will likely not be good ones. There is still hope in the future that good changes will counteract the bad changes. It will mostly likely not counteract all of the bad changes.

Another point of information I would like to speak on is, who do those liberals have to throw against the GOP this election cycle? If they prayed every night for the next 2 years then maybe Hillary will be able to put up a good run (however, I suspect that her recent withdrawal from public eye will be a hindrance that prevents a serious run). Then who’s next? Joe Biden? I don’t even need to say anything, that smirk that is on your face right now says it all.

The GOP can win the next election in a landslide if they throw up a smart choice; Christie, despite his traffic jam is still the best choice. With the potential that the GOP will lose the House, their only shot is to provide a president who can be seen as a republican but also as a moderate that can negotiate.

In the end the republicans will take the White House, unless they threw up Ryan or even a libertarian, which are both too conservative for finding solutions to the issues our country faces.

Then again that’s my “Conservative View.”

Leo

(July 23 – August 23)

Life may seem like a labyrinth to you, but the stars can act as a guide. You merely need to have more faith in their wisdom, and what seems like abandonment will reveal itself to you as a way forward in life.

Virgo

(August 24 – September 22)

If you look outside, you’ll see all sorts of things going on and all sorts of objects. By the end of the week, something will have changed about the scene you see outside. Try to notice the difference and you will benefit.

Libra

(September 23 – October 22)

The speed of life might be really getting to you this week, and you will need to remember to slow down a little bit at times. Otherwise, you might exhaust yourself and put yourself out of commission for a little while.

Scorpio

(October 23 – November 21)

Know that you are stardust, and to stardust you shall eventually return. In the meantime go out and enjoy life. You have no idea what is going to happen the next day, so you will want to prepare for everything while not worrying about it.

Sagittarius

(November 22 – December 21)

Avoid the temptations of fashion this week; otherwise you will have a massive debt to contend with. Also, this season’s fashions aren’t really all that fashionable for you anyway. It is better that you avoid it in general.

Capricorn

(December 22 – January 20)

Think about the space in which you live. Now it might seem to be a bit of an oddity if you think about it too much, but better knowledge of yourself you will attain. That is what matters in the long run.

Aquarius

(January 21 – February 19)

You might find yourself questioning reality in the near future, but everything will organize itself in due time. Also, do whatever the purple giraffes tell you to do, even if you get contradicting orders about what to do for dinner.

Pisces

(Feb. 20 – March 20)

If you are seeking fame, you might want to reconsider your priorities. If you do achieve fame, don’t forget to give all of the credit to the stars that got you there and give yourself no credit at all.

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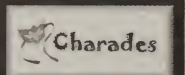
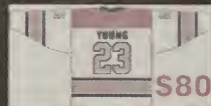
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Tom Raffensperger making strides toward improving campus tech in new position

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Thomas Raffensperger is now entering his second semester as the dean of academic information services. While still serving in his previous role as library director, Raffensperger is still settling into his role.

Under this new title, he is responsible for the Help Desk, Library, Center for Instructional Technology, and Media Services. These different parts of campus deal with the "customer service" end of things. Raffensperger said, "It makes a lot of sense."

"We're all about helping people with the classroom and instruction. When a professor works with their students, they use library services, Blackboard, IT, and Media Services," he added. "All of these things are tied together; they're making this experience."

He began his tenure holding conversations with members of his unit in order to get a sense of what exactly they do and what they need from him. The results from this interview will give Raffensperger a picture of how to do things differently or more efficiently.

Another initiative was the student technology survey that was implemented last semester. There were 750 students who answered the survey. From

the results, he was able to determine where best to begin the allocation of resources.

"We've been learning a lot. There is a myth that students never look at their Westfield State email," he said. "Over 90% use their Westfield State email constantly or frequently."

Half of the 750 respondents left comments at the end of the multiple choice survey questions. Among those comments, the most common was that ResNet needed to be fixed or improved.

Currently, Raffensperger is working with Alan Blair, the head of Information Services, to research an answer to this problem.

One of the solutions that is being talked about is packet shaping. This is the process by which a portion of the bandwidth is allocated to HTTP services. While a majority of the bandwidth could be taken up with Netflix, Xbox Live, YouTube, or other bandwidth-heavy tasks, there will still be a portion of the bandwidth that is free to access the World Wide Web and email clients.

There is also the issue of the construction of the buildings themselves. If the Wi-Fi access point is located in an area of a building that has a lot of concrete, the Wi-Fi signal will be weak.

A sensible option being ex-



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Tom Raffensperger, dean of academic information services, continues to serve in his previous role as library director. This is his second semester in this new dual role.

plored is to create additional Wi-Fi access points.

The survey offered a very comprehensive picture of the technology on this campus, which has never happened in recent memory. Raffensperger wants to begin to do this more frequently, as is the norm at other universities. "We never had a comprehensive technology survey, other universities do it, and that's what we want to do," he said.

Being in charge of this new combined department and the director of the Ely Library is certainly a large task, but he does not seem to be deterred by the magnitude of the job.

"I'm at the stage of my ca-

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News from other schools

The Daily Collegian, U OF MASS., AMHERST

UMass Amherst is currently looking into the option of opening a virtual bookstore due to high textbook prices and declining sales. This would result in a major downsizing of the textbook annex and current bookstores.

The Harvard Crimson, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

The first honor code draft was laid out in a Jan. 28 meeting by the Academic Integrity Committee. Students have raised concerns about their involvement in the approval of the code.

The Daily Campus, UNIV. OF CONNECTICUT

Reports released by the Office of Program Review have shown that the cost of attending the University of Connecticut has been increasing.

The Daily Orange, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Rapper J. Cole will be performing at the Carrier Dome on March 21, a concert presented by Phi Beta Sigma. Tickets go on sale through ticketmaster on Thursday Feb. 6 at 10 a.m.

Third annual State of the Campus address highlights Westfield State's recent triumphs

Ryan Caulfield SGA Correspondent

Started in 2011 by former Student Government Association president Lou Cimaglia, the Student Government Association's third annual State of the Campus Address started off with one of the Student Government Association's Executive Councilmen, Joshua Frank, addressing the crowd. He introduced the rest of the Executive Council and other key nonstudent personnel who work with the SGA.

Frank then introduced Taylor Fote, SGA's current president, to give the address. Fote took a moment to welcome all who came. She also noted that her address was in conjunction with the 175th year of Westfield State University and said she was honored to be speaking during the University's celebration.

Fote stated to the crowd that she would be giving the address from a student's point of view. She briefly touched upon the issue of what was happening last semester, saying that the University has followed its mis-

sion statement without faulting because of the issues. No other mentioning of the issue or the former WSU president, Dr. Evan Dobbelle, was in the address.

"Westfield encourages student voices," said Fote. She praised how administrators, facility, librarians and staff all understand the importance of student input. The Westfield Voice was also highlighted. Fote exemplified the trip that Joshua Clark, Editor-in-Chief of the Voice, and Matthew Carlin, Asst. Managing Editor, went on in Boston to discuss other newspapers from other schools in a round table discussion. A lot of the newspapers where jealous of the Voice because of how Westfield's SGA always gives the full amount of \$16,000 for the paper to run.

Another example is the new shuttle service that goes to the Lansdowne Place and back to campus. Fote says this is "a testament to student's voices being heard on campus." She stated that the SGA donated \$5,331.72 to different charity organizations last

semester.

Fote then talked about the next stages of advancements for the University. The new academic building is expected to open in 2016, the department of Residential Life plans to do housing signups over the internet, and the new interim president, Dr. Elizabeth Hall Preston, is transitioning into her new role in a way that is "smooth and students were able to focus on what we were here to do," said Fote.

She also touched upon the study abroad program, which allows students to go to over 40 countries for a semester or in a two week J term program, either internationally or nationally. Costa Rica, Nepal, and Nicaragua were some of the places students went in January. The Disney program is a popular trip for students. Some of the SGA senators are going on the trip and Fote said "They love it so much they may never come back, but we always hope they do."

She gave high recognition for Joshua Frank for participation in the Washington Center in-

ternship. Frank was chosen out of all the interns to be the commencement speaker for his works and proudly represented Westfield State.

The Campus Activity Board had a strong fall semester with over 20 programs, reported Fote. The annual Spring Weekend events are sure to be exciting.

MassPIRG has had the help of many Westfield State students and this semester they hope to work on the Bottle Bill, education students on cheaper textbook options, and raising over \$3,000 to the Samaritan Inn homeless shelter.

Final highlights included that all student athletes had a cumulative 3.07 average this past fall semester and of teams that had great seasons.

In April, student elections for the SGA will start and Fote hopes that everyone runs and "Takes it seriously." She closed with saying how the community has and will always be there for each other and how every student is the future, saying, "we are Westfield and we are the change."

Interim president attends SGA's third meeting of new semester

Conversations, laughter, and good looking outfits were all supplied for the Student Government Association's third meeting of the year. The State of the Campus address and a visit from Dr. Elizabeth Preston, interim president, added to the jubilant mood of the Senate.

After Fote welcomed Preston, she first congratulated Fote on her State of the Campus address. Preston was there to answer questions directly from the Senate but she talked about communicating to the WSU community saying, "We are trying to do a slightly better job."

Preston says emails are not the perfect way to distribute information, but it does keep the campus updated. There will be stronger efforts to use social media to keep the campus updated. An example is the email for the Board of Trustees meeting, which is on Feb. 13. She also gave notice to some of the "unfortunate" topics for the Board of Trustees meetings relating to the investigations surrounding former WSU president Dr. Evan Dobbelle.

Preston is optimistic that the topics and investigation will "slowly but steadily be moving into the background and that other things can move to the foreground." The investigation has yet to be concluded. Preston says, as of last week, the inspectors were still interviewing people.

She hopes that the campus will continue to stay mostly insulated from the issue and that students and faculty do not feel the effects during everyone's day-to-day lives. A plethora of plans and activities will happen this semester to



Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

celebrate the 175th anniversary of Westfield State and make this a memorable year despite all that has happened.

After Preston was done addressing the SGA, the floor was open to questions. The first question came from Justin Connolly, president of University Hall. He asked, "What is the biggest obstacle you have faced as interim president?"

Preston said it was the fallout from last semester that is hardest challenge to overcome. The issue "gets in the way of doing other things you want to be doing." She also said that the celebrations surrounding the 175th anniversary have allowed the university to begin turning the corner on this issue.

Courtney Keddy, representative-at-large, asked for a status update on the new academic building being built next to Wilson Hall. The interim president stated that although the building's funds were suspended last semester, the money is now restored. The process is now on the "certified building study" step of the process, which means the agency that is constructing the building has been certified to begin the design phase of the project. Preston says that "we are on track and moving on a very aggressive schedule." The construction will be in

next fall semester.

Jennifer McDiarmid, representative to the class of 2014, asked, "What are your plans after being interim president?"

Preston recounted that she used to be a faculty member in the Communication Department and she said she feels very distant from that life due to her time in the administration. She anticipates on returning to the faculty at the end of her term and says she's "looking forward to it."

Joshua Clark, representative at large, asked if Preston was going to plan on any more events that interact with the campus like Pizza with the President. She started to laugh a bit because not too long ago she met with Fote, Rebecca DiVico, vice president of student life, and Andy McCormack, vice president of academic life. DiVico mentioned to Preston she should have "Pierogis with the President." She ultimately said the students can pass on ideas with events with the president through the leaders and see what happens.

Most of the members thanked Preston on her efforts in communicating with the university and continuing to serve the university since the change of office last semester. After Preston was done, Fote claimed the podium.

Fote thanked all the members who came to the State of the Campus address and accepted the resignation of Scott Seskevich, who was a representative-at-large.

Tori Landry, representative of the class of 2015, gave her report from the Neighborhood Advisory

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University now responsible for \$1,042,306.01 in legal fees to law firm Fish and Richardson

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Westfield State University is now liable for \$1,042,306.01 to Fish & Richardson, the law firm they hired to sort out the scandal surrounding Dr. Evan S. Dobelle's spending habits.

The university is being charged \$212,574 for September, \$399,683.59 for October, and \$430,048.42 for November. The December bill has not yet been received.

According to heavily redacted bills obtained by The Westfield Voice, the university's case was being handled by eight lawyers or paralegals at the law firm, who started working in September 2013.

The majority of the items listed in the bills involved conferences, telephone calls, emails, and letter preparation. There was an average of six hours spent on each item.

A letter included in the bills addressed to then-president Dobelle listed the hourly rates for lawyers and paralegals at their firm.

The hourly rate for the lawyers working on the case was \$675 per hour. The minimum rate for associates was \$390 per hour with a maximum of \$675 per hour. Paralegals earned between \$210 and \$310 an hour.

The firm worked 343.8 hours in September, 582.6 in October, and 652.1 in November.

There were also other charges listed in the letter. For instance, photocopies were listed at \$0.20 per page for black and white and \$1 per page for color.

A line that acknowledged the university's awareness of the contents of the letter was signed by Dobelle.

When the Board of Trustees voted to expand the scope of the investigation, then-acting president Dr. Elizabeth Preston signed another letter acknowledging that they will now operate under this expanded scope.

The bills themselves are heavily redacted in an apparent effort to protect attorney-client privilege. Dobelle was placed on administrative leave on Oct. 16 at that

month's board of trustees meeting. The bills reflect that the team of lawyers was very busy preparing documents and holding conferences before the meeting.

The average hours worked jumped up to about eight or nine, with the longest session lasting 11.5 hours on Oct. 14. The school was charged \$7,762.50 for one lawyer, Caroline Simmons, to hold a "conference with [redacted]... preparation [redacted]... confer with TVFrongillo and AIRaphael regarding [redacted]." Fish & Richardson charged the university \$20,857.50 for that day alone.

At that October meeting of the board of trustees, the scope of their investigation was expanded so the work continued.

In preparation for the November trustees meeting, when the results of their expanded investigation would be released, they began to work as furiously as they did in the

beginning of October.

The highest item before Dobelle's resignation on Nov. 8 was an 11.8 hour task performed by Simmons again. This time, she "conduct[ed] [redacted]... prepare for [redacted]... preparation of memorandum re [redacted]."

Since Dobelle resigned, the investigation was never heard, at least publicly, by the trustees.

Kimberly Tobin, interim vice president of administration and finance, has been quoted as saying that they might pay for these bills using \$1.2 million from the reserves.

The board of trustees appears to be warm to that idea as it is on their agenda for their Feb. 13 meeting.

According to the agenda sent by Preston to the student body on Tuesday, they will be taking action on paying these bills as well as the "transfer of funds from Reserve Accounts."

Westfield resident seeks the students who returned her purse untouched

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Two Westfield State students are being hailed as good Samaritans this week.

A Westfield resident told The Westfield Voice on Thursday that two male students, who did not provide their names, returned her purse unharmed to the Big Y on East Silver Street where she left it.

She was shopping at that store on Wednesday

evening and realized that she left her purse in her carriage when she returned home and found it missing.

A call placed to the store was fruitless but they said that they would keep an eye out for it.

Around seven o'clock, she received a call from the store. The clerk said that her purse had been recovered.

When she got to the store to pick it up, she realized that "not one dime" had been taken. All of her

cash (about \$300 in total), charge cards, and checkbook had been recovered.

"I have been floored," she said anonymously, "I have told more people about it."

She wants to offer a reward, but since the students did not leave their names, she does not know to whom the reward should go.

If you or somebody you know returned the purse to the store, please call her directly at 413-478-6063.



What we talked about this week

@joe_meehan11, Tuesday evening
Dobelle would have cancelled by now

@nytimes, Tuesday
Netflix renews "House of Cards" for third season.

@vlандry0677, Tuesday
A great State of the [Campus] Address by SGA president Taylor Fote tonight! @westfieldstate

@westfieldowls, Monday
Brian Garcia named MASCAC Indoor Track & Field Rookie of a Year

From the front page

Raffensperger strives as dean of academic information services and library director

reer where I like my job. I just like doing it. I'm not ready to punch the clock at five o'clock," he beamed.

He added, "Our new president has been fantastically supportive. Marsha Marotta has been very supportive and positive."

Raffensperger cited the Westfield community as one of the factors that keeps him here. His last university had

twice the amount of students and "a four-year graduate rate of 11%."

He truly values the openness and transparency at the university and invites all of students to offer their perspectives toward the technology needs of the university.

His office is located on the mezzanine level of the Ely Library by the instruction classroom.



Tom is easy to get in touch with if you have any questions regarding campus technology.

Corrections and clarifications

In the front page article entitled, "Strategic planning and the 175th anniversary to be the university's focus this semester," there is a sentence that does not finish where a quotation is supposed to be. Liz Preston explained in the interview that she wanted to return to the faculty at the end of this academic year. The Dobelle scandal hit and changed these plans. The quotation was left out due to an editorial oversight.

In the Voice of the Week feature on page four, it was misstated that Alex Doming was a rep-to-Senate from Dickinson Hall. He is in fact the president.

The headline on the article on the same page titled "Two high-level WSU officials fired" should not have said the word "fired." While it is true that Waleska Lugo-Dejesus and Nanci Salvidio are no longer employed by the university, it cannot be immediately confirmed that they were explicitly fired. This error was caused by several reasons, mostly a lack of editorial oversight.

In the same article, it was Salvidio's university-issued credit card that Dobelle used. The article as originally written did not specify the exact nature of Salvidio's credit card.

This space is dedicated to corrections and clarifications to the previous week's issue of The Westfield Voice. If you spot something that needs to be placed here, please send them to Matthew Carlin, assistant managing editor, at mcarlin6141@westfield.ma.edu.

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Join International Programs in celebrating the arrival of spring as it is observed in Central Asia. We will have food, music and good company.



From 'The Voice' Vault

Dorms Near Completion -- Excuses Rendered

This article was published in the November 16, 1966 issue of Westek.

The new women's dormitory will be opened December 1, 1966, according to Timothy O'Neil, Clerk of Works for the dormitory project. Mr. O'Neil cautioned that the deadline will be met only if all work continues at the present rate.

Mr. O'Neil stated that the principle reason for the delay in construction was "the lack of qualified mechanics and a number of unavoidable delays in delivery of materials."

Norman W. Grise, Administrative Assistant to President Leonard J. Savignano pointed out, "One

of the reasons for the delay in construction was tradesmen's refusal to work overtime and Saturday."

However Mr. O'Neil states, "The H.J. Madore Co., Inc. refused to pay the workers overtime."

"Another reason is that the contract penalty which is \$50 each day the dormitories are not finished, is less expensive than the cost of overtime for all workers," stated Mr. Grise.

Once the new dormitory is occupied, only a small amount of work will remain, confined primarily to the first floor.

"The contract for the men's dormitory contains no provisions for permanent heating facilities," stated Mr. O'Neil.

"The only requirement is that the company lay steam lines to the power plant. The project has been surveyed twice, but the contract has not yet been let out."

"Meanwhile, a temporary boiler has been installed outside the dormitory. The cost of the boiler is \$24,600 until December 15. After this date it will cost \$2,600 a week."

"The Commonwealth is paying for the rental for the boiler from 'emergency funds' added to Westfield's Budget," said Mr. O'Neil. This was confirmed by Mr. Grise, who also pointed out that these funds are provided through the Massachusetts Dormitory Authority, to be administered on the local

level by the college.

The present capacities of the power plant are not enough to handle the heating situation. Therefore, no steam lines will be laid until the power plant is enlarged. The earliest possible date for such an enlargement would be next spring, according to Mr. Grise.

The temporary boiler, therefore, will remain in use the entire winter at an estimated cost of \$61,000.

In regard to sidewalks, Mr. O'Neil hopes to have them completed by December 15. Mr. Grise stated that a tentative arrangement has been reached with the construction company to blackout the entire area to the existing parking lot.

WSU provides aid for Westfield citizens during blackout

This letter was published in the November 11, 2011 issue of The Westfield Voice.

Samantha Fahey
Alex Myers
Editors-in-Chief

On October 29, after approximately nine hours of snowfall, Westfield State Public Safety's Chief of Police Michael Nockunas received a phone call at 11 p.m. at his Worcester home, informing him that the campus had lost power.

At exactly 8:06 p.m. lights, televisions and heaters shut off, causing a wintry cold blackout across campus.

Nockunas had to drive through the "obstacle course" of fallen trees and snow banks. What normally would have taken him an hour became a four-hour commute, and he arrived on campus at three in the morning.

For the next two hours, Nockunas and his staff did damage control, and at 5 a.m. Westfield Chief of Police John Camerota phoned WSU for assistance. The designated shelters downtown had no power, much like the rest of Western Massachusetts, and Camerota

needed Westfield State's facilities.

Complying with his request Nockunas enlisted the help of Curt Robie, Vice President of Facilities and Operations on campus. Together they and their collective staffs opened Juniper Park and Scanlon Banquet Hall, both of which were fully operational due to their backup generators and served as "shelters for anyone that needed it," Nockunas said.

Within two to three hours there were 100 sick, elderly and homeless citizens finding safety in Juniper Park and its comforting, attentive staff.

"There were so many people," Nockunas said. "You had to see it to believe it."

By midmorning, Juniper Park was filled to maximum capacity, and the school decided to open Scanlon Banquet Hall, dividing it into three sections: families, general population, and WSU employees, staff members and students who needed to "crash, get their second wind, and come back" to work, Nockunas said.

The sick and elderly who required more staff attention remained in Juniper Park, where they had nurses, doctors and WSU

EMS staff on stand-by.

"The students were spectacular," Nockunas said. "The student security and EMS stepped up big time."

These students volunteered their time to help assist, welcome and check people in, while also helping with maintenance issues.

But the students weren't the only ones assisting during the power outage. The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) contributed cots and pillows, the Red Cross provided basic essentials such as toothpaste and shampoo, WalMart donated \$1,000 with which needed undergarments were purchased, and Noble Hospital supplied a hundred towels and laundry services to go with them.

There were shuttles every morning at 9 a.m. carrying anyone who wanted a shower down the street to the Woodward Center.

"It was quite an operation," Nockunas said.

The Dining Commons provided one of the biggest contributions. Sodexo staff was there preparing three meals a day, every day, and even packaged to-go meals for those in Juniper Park who were unable to leave.

According to Nockunas, it was a well-staffed and well-supervised system.

By the third day, Nockunas said, the children were going crazy due to lack of video games, toys, and television. An "owl's nest" was set up in the Tekoa Room, stocked with children's books, toys, and a TV that was tuned to Barney.

The room was "packed" and education students volunteered to play with the kids from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., providing parental relief. According to Nockunas, the owl's nest turned out to be a "big hit," for the kids, while the DC was a "big party" for students, parents, and the rest of the community.

Saturday, November 5, the facilities used were cleaned and ready to go by Monday morning, November 7, for the restart of classes after a week off.

Over a span of five days, the two WSU buildings housed over 400 people, from mothers with children to the elderly and everything in between.

WSU President Evan Dobelle stated, "It was an extraordinary effort by all the WSU Community to be a good neighbor and no one is prouder of their efforts than I am."

Opinions & Editorials

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2014

RACE RUGH, Editor

Evolution vs. Creationism: "Thank you Mr. Ham, but I'm completely unsatisfied."



PHOTO FROM SLATE.COM

The Bill Nye and Ken Ham debate matched science against religion. Many viewers feel that it was a win for science as a whole.

The headline you see was Bill Nye's response when Ken Ham attempted to answer one of the questions Bill posed, and frankly it summarizes my feelings for the entire debate. But, before I go deeper into the analysis of Tuesday night's Creation v. Evolution debate, I would like to propagate a club I am forming for the beginning of next semester (Fall 2014).

I am creating a Secular Student Alliance here at Westfield State for all of the freethinking atheist, agnostic, or not-so-sure religious students on campus (though the club is open to people of any creed and worldview who want to discuss certain ideas or join in on any community service



Race Rugh
Op-Ed Editor

we may become involved in). I've had the desire to form this club since I arrived at Westfield, and now that I have been exposed to all of the clubs representing the religious students, I feel it is appropriate to form a club for nonreligious people wanting to come together and become more active in social discourse and

community events. This is not an anti-religion group. Again, it is just to bring together people with similar feelings who may otherwise feel left out.

The problem is, I do not know many people on campus (other than my roommates and the Voice staff). So I am asking any of you to spread the word. If you know of anyone who may be interested, or if you yourself are interested, please email me at rugh1206@westfield.ma.edu. I will be posting flyers around school when the SSA sends me a startup kit to promote the club, and I would be very appreciative for whatever help you can give me.

So, Tuesday night's debate over viable worldviews

was interesting, to say the least. It featured Ken Ham representing young earth creationism, and Bill Nye "The Science Guy" representing evolution. The debate was centered on whether young earth creationism or evolution is the most viable worldview. It was hosted by Ken Ham at his very own Creation Museum in Kentucky, and the venue was most certainly filled with Ham's followers.

Each person gave their introductions, and then a 30-minute main argument. Ham started on the wrong foot, and continued on that wrong foot throughout his entire main argument and through the rest of the debate. His main point was that we cannot observe the past so we therefore don't know it actually happened. This was repeated over and over again. According to Ham, we have no way of telling whether the laws of nature were the same four thousand years ago (when the 'great flood' happened) as they are today. Now, we (rational people in the twenty-first century) understand that this argument holds no water. Bill quickly refuted the idea that a four hundred foot boat could hold the enormous amount of animals it was said to. Not to mention all the food they would need,

and how unlikely it is that there were people shoveling out the waste from each animal. The common sense arguments against the arch story are endless.

Bill Nye's major points were examples of how we know the Earth is older than 6,000 years old. He explains the processes in which scientists discover certain things, and how those discovered objects are dated. His arguments were generally around the idea that in science we have the ability to actually figure things out, and that it promotes wonder, joy, and an appreciation for truth. He talked a bit more about the story of the flood, in which Ken Ham uses to teach children 'history.' Again, the idea that a 400-foot boat could hold the amount of animals and other living things that it was supposed to have is laughable to say the least. Our common sense tells us this; we don't even need science. Nye's argument of course was specific and scientific, and is not to be refuted by a book such as the Bible. He asked continuously for evidence to support Ham's claims, but the response was always

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The Conservative View

Unleash the HillDogs!

Havoc! Unleash the Hill-dogs of war! It's time for another outbreak of America's "We can't wait until 2016!" It would seem that we Americans can't rest after any election. We are always campaigning, whether or not it's a city councilmen seat or the next presidential candidate. This past weekend a lovely article happened to appear on my desk: Ted Ball's "What would President Hillary Do?" I nearly had a heart attack! I suppose this was a half-witted attempt to cause a rise out of me... Well jokes on them! Or is it?

Readers, it is time that I come clean to you... It is time I took a step out into the light for who I am and be proud of it. I'm... I'm... A Hilldog! Shocking, I know. However, Hillary Clinton is the only Democrat who has been able to at least persuade me from

time to time on key issues involving government. So let's get this review going!

Hillary R. Clinton is a former Senator of New York and recently the Secretary of State for the Obama Administration (from 2009 'till 2013). In all of the rank and files of the liberal cohorts, Clinton is the only viable option for them. If the Democrats have ANY chance of winning in 2016, they have to unleash Hillary for a second run. Clinton has more advantages for the next presidential race than any of her opponents, on both sides of the aisle.

Clinton has a Super PAC "Ready for Hillary," that has at least 1.5 million supporters who they are reaching out to. Alongside that, this Super PAC has already established a grassroots community ready to jump when Clinton decides to



Matthew Carlin
Asst. Managing Editor

run in the next election. In 2013 alone, this Super Pac has raised \$4 million from over 33 thousands donors! Already ahead of the game, Clinton would start with a sizeable advantage over her fellow Democrats.

The question really is: what makes Hillary the best candidate to her liberal followers? Well, to start off Hillary is a tough and battle hardened veteran of politics. She has gone toe-to-toe with some of my most favored Republican politicians over the years,

and has established herself as a fair negotiator. Then on top of that she already has the connections and the knowledge within the government, making her ready for the job before she even gets into the office. Unlike Obama, Hillary shares some of the decent qualities from Bill Clinton, who we need to remember was able to put the government spending into a rare surplus administration. In a debt-riddled America, a surplus is like a bygone myth. Finally, Clinton has already survived her Watergate: the Benghazi massacre. Despite being the bull's-eye target from the Obama administration, it would seem that Hillary is still very popular and still a viable candidate.

However, what will she have to face? Well, it would seem she needs to find a good medium to combat the failures, as many as

there are, of the current administration. Yet, she needs to be seen as a fellow Democrat on party lines. If she doesn't at least address some of the issues with the Obama administration-you know the horrible transparency, the economic ruin of the country, and the sickly child known as Obamacare-if she can platform on fixing those issues, while still being seen as a negotiator to conservatives like myself, then she is a shoe in.

Now, here are some 'Quick Hits' from the Conservative View:

Over the past week, the Department of Health and Human Services announced that Obamacare has 3 million Americans enrolled into the program. However, what they didn't announce was how many were young adults like ourselves, who are needed

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The Liberal View

Christie still under fire for bridge scandal

New Jersey's Republican Governor, Chris Christie, has been connected to the traffic scandal on the George Washington Bridge (GWB). The George Washington Bridge, which spans the Hudson River, links Manhattan to Fort Lee, New Jersey. Each year over 102 million vehicles cross it, making it the busiest motor vehicle bridge in the world. Slowing the traffic down on this bridge can, and did prove to be a tragedy. School busses, ambulances, and other city cars were among those caught up

in the traffic due to the closure of the bridge. The original emails that have been released show Christie's Deputy Chief of Staff, Bridget Kelly, writing to ex-Port Authority Executive, David Wildstein, declaring it was "Time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee." Sources say that this humiliation has been attributed to a dispute Christie had with a democratic mayor in Fort Lee, Mark Sokolich, who had refused to endorse him. Over twenty more emails have been exposed in a subpoena,



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Voice Columnist

which seem to point to the bridge's closure as without a doubt being caused by political spite and not a "traffic study," as was originally claimed by Christie's administration. (The emails

can be accessed and read at the Washington Post's website.) Business insider reported that, "In a subsequent text message exchange, an unidentified person told Wildstein, 'I feel badly about the kids. I guess.' Wildstein replied, 'They are the children of Buono's voters,' referring to then-State Senator Barbara Buono, Christie's Democratic opponent in the November election." New York Daily News quoted Assemblyman Louis Greenwald, a Democrat from Voorhees, New

Jersey: "We know one thing for certain: there has been an abuse of power. We don't know how broad it goes, who knew what, or when they knew." Governor Christie denies any involvement or knowledge of the incident and made a lengthy apology in a press conference following the scandal's exposure. Since the scandal, Christie's popularity numbers have fallen from a 63% approval rate to 55%, but are still surprisingly high. 54% of those surveyed said that they believed Christie had

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From the Editor's Desk

In remembrance of 'Snowmageddon 2011' and the February 2013 snowstorm that buried my car in South Lot for hours

I am really starting to believe that I cannot trust the meteorologists in this area anymore, and I was not hoping for a snow day, either.

The snowstorm that fell on Wednesday was nowhere near the

storm that was forecast and I do not know why we all went bananas. Six to ten inches was the average that was forecast; no meteorologist could agree on how much was actually going to fall.

It seemed that every time you turned on the television, the number was different.

What actually fell at my house was what I would guess to be five inches. Knowing classes were going to be cancelled for the day, I woke up late and was (not) shocked to find that the area meteorologists were once again wrong.

I shoveled the snow and got myself prepared to make the trek to campus because after all, this newspaper had to get done.

The point of mentioning this is to commend the job that the maintainers and facilities employees did on Wednesday to make sure that this campus was safe and plowed out.

While snow emergencies and parking bans are incredibly inconvenient (I had to park in South Lot on Wednesday!), they are certainly a far cry from the inconvenience we would all experience if they were forced to plow around the cars that were left in all of the



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Editor-in-Chief

lots.

As I was driving through South Lot to find a relatively cleaned out parking spot, I am reminded of two particular snowstorms that occurred during my time at this fine institution of

learning.

The first was during my first year, and it is aptly titled, "Snowmageddon," as it crippled the area for about a week and left many areas without electricity for longer. We had electricity at my house in Chicopee so I stayed there.

The day of that storm, I was in Chicopee at a standoff for my friend Joel McAuliffe (now a Westfield State student). He was running for school committeeman-at-large.

My mom had to told me to buy a shovel because the storm was coming and it was supposed to drop a lot of snow. I almost did not buy the shovel, but I am glad I did.

I got called into work later that day at a local grocery store, and when the power went out around 6:30 p.m., I knew I was going to be there for a while.

I did not get out of there until 11:30 and as I was walking toward my car, I noticed the amount of snow sitting around it.

I started using my new shovel and the guy plowing the parking lot came by and got as close to my car as he could so I could get out of the spot.

I was certainly appreciative.



This tree used to be along the sidewalk that led to the Ely Library/Campus Center by the Dining Commons. It was snapped during 'Snowmageddon 2011.' The tree was formally taken down around the time of the Ely renovations.

Driving back to campus was one of the worst times I had ever experienced behind the wheel.

Once I got to Western Avenue, the streetlamps were out so I just had my headlights. With snow falling at a rapid rate, I was lucky to have made it in one piece.

I broke the rules and parked in the Lammers Hall parking lot (before the construction of University Hall) and went straight to bed. I had work at 9 a.m.

The next night I went back to Chicopee and started our impromptu vacation.

The second happened this week last year. This storm happened after a few storms that were predicted to be nor'easters but ended up as flurries. My lack of trust in the meteorologists was at its height.

When I woke up the next morning, I got ready for work and headed toward South Lot to retrieve my car.

As it turns out, the row my car was sitting in was not plowed yet and my car was buried. There was no way I would be getting it unburied in time.

I was forced to call out of work, which they were happy about, because the governor had called the state of emergency. No need to get injured driving on unplowed roads, they said.

It took an hour and a half to unbury my car once the row was plowed out.

My experience with snow has certainly been frustrating. Therefore, I am dedicating this column to the love-hate relationship that we all have for this unfortunate consequence of living here.

If you have any photos from Wednesday's snow day, send them to the email address at the bottom of this page.

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Gentlemen's Weekly

Look like a million bucks on a dime

Whether a man has made his fortune or not, he desires others to see him as confident, trustworthy, and professional. Although our outward appearance should not be nearly as important as our inner character, in today's world, perception is important and men are best served when they dress sharply. Fortunately, it doesn't cost a fortune to look great. If you pay attention to details and are willing to spend a bit more time putting together a wardrobe, you can build an outfit that makes you look like a million for less than \$200.

Before I start, however, a word of warning. Do not purchase clothing simply because it is on sale. You have not saved 70% on a \$500 suit if it does not fit properly or is made of poor fabric. Instead, you have wasted \$150 which could have been invested in an

outfit of timeless class, which may be harder to build but will be well worth the effort. Smart men do not waste money on cheap items; put your dollars to smart use by buying quality items that will last.

Looking beyond the sales and promotions at major retailers, here are some tips that you'll want to consider when assembling your wardrobe on a budget.

Thrift Stores & Garage Sales: Second-hand clothing has long been a source of inexpensive outfits, with many of us being the recipient of worn out hand-me-downs. But with so many of us on this campus on a strict budget, it pays to revisit the option of pre-owned clothing. In visiting thrift stores, I've personally seen numerous high quality garments, from makers such as Ralph Lauren, Burberry, and Oxford.

The downside of second-hand stores is that it can



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Social Media Coordinator

take some work to find the gems among the vast aisles of 1970's leisure suits and ugly t-shirts. You'll have to travel to several shops, oftentimes the customer service at the store is non-existent, and the only way to find deals is to dive in and search. Yet, all this is worth the struggle; the satisfaction you get from pulling a quality suit from the rack and paying a quarter of the original price is deeply satisfying. One final tip on this subject: thrift stores in smaller cities are gold mines for great deals. While

a secondhand store in Chicago will be picked clean, a thrift store in Omaha or Sheboygan is likely to contain numerous high quality items going for pennies on the dollar.

Smart eBay Bidding: Everyone knows about eBay, but not everyone knows how to shop smart when using it. In a perfect open-market system, an item will sell for the highest price all bidders are willing to pay. Good for the seller, bad for the buyer. The key to shopping on eBay is to find quality items that are not marketed properly, and therefore are not receiving the bids they could be. This type of shopping takes discipline. It is easy to fall into a bidding war and overpay for something. When shopping on eBay, search items that are mislabeled, have no photograph/a poor photograph, and are being sold by a new eBay seller.

Friends and Family: An

often underused resource is perhaps the easiest and least costly of all. Simply ask friends and family if they have any menswear that they would be willing to pass onto you. In particular, target the best dressed and older gentlemen in your family or circle of friends. Even if the sizes are off on the clothing you receive, this free but good quality clothing can be used as currency when visiting clothing and thrift stores. And for some items, like ties and pocket squares, one size works for most.

80% Off the Finest Quality Shoes You'll Ever Own: A quality pair of shoes from Alden or Allen Edmonds is well worth the investment. However, when it comes to

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Changing Lenses

The Macklewar: What has Macklemore done for the LGBT community?

With seven Grammy nominations, resulting in a total of four wins, the rapper Macklemore has recently received a lot of attention for his most recent album: The Heist.

With a nomination for Best Song of the Year at the Grammys, Macklemore's "Same Love," featuring Mary Lambert, has been on the airwaves for months. Macklemore has performed this hit song in a variety of popular venues: the Ellen DeGeneres Show, The Colbert Report, MTV's Video Music Awards, and

most recently, the Grammy Awards.

What has been so enchanting about this track? "Same Love," according to Macklemore himself, arose from the artist's own irritation with misogyny and homophobia in hip-hop culture. In an interview with Kurt Andersen, Macklemore remarked, "[Misogyny and homophobia] are the two acceptable means of oppression in hip-hop culture... There needs to be some accountability." In a critique of hip-hop culture, Macklemore penned "Same Love," and wrote from the



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Voice Columnist

perception of a gay teenager, despite being an adult, heterosexual, cisgendered white male.

While Macklemore is heterosexual, his hit song does touch base on

key components in understanding the psychology of misogyny and homophobia in regard to homosexuality, particularly in the realm of hip-hop. When Macklemore raps, "Gay is synonymous with the lesser/ It's the same hate that's caused wars from religion/ Gender to skin color, the complexion of your pigment," he references an important concept in Ethnic and Gender Studies: Othering. Othering is the result of an "Us versus Them" mentality, creating an In-Group (those one associates with) and an Out-Group (those

who are different than the In-Group). In Othering, the In-Group is typically whichever subgroup is the largest, thus dominating the social sphere. Because one group, the Out-Group, is viewed as atypical and not adherent to the standards of society, aligning with the majority of the In-Group, they are normally viewed negatively. Othering has been attributed to helping understand a variety of different types of discrimination such as racism, sexism, homophobia, and the like.

While Macklemore

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The Seventh Side

Your weekly dose of satire

Dear Beloved Printed Content Consumers,

Normally, this humble column would be devoted to pressing issues such as last week's horse slaughter and the subsequent glue surplus that is plaguing our communities (think of what we are teaching our children), but I have recently received word of more important, and certainly more cheerful, news.

If you were a resident of a hall on Westfield's campus and drink the tap water regularly like I do, then you might have (or perhaps it's simply in your head) noticed a slight change in the taste. Personally, I think it's due to a change in the season, or Obama did something. On a completely unrelated note, residential students received an e-mail on the 29th which stated to "Please review the information below regarding

campus water quality" and later in the email that "While we had no direct control over this unfortunate situation, we expect that these issues are now resolved." This of course is, as you have all hopefully have made yourselves willingly ignorant of by now, talking about a problem in which some students' hair would turn green when trying to dye it. There were a few complaints, but people got used to it. I mean, hey, everyone's doing it these days, whether you want to or not.

Back then, we were also told the water was safe to drink (when I did my tally I bled the same amount as I did when I was drinking the regular tap water), and I have every reason to believe the authorities on this, because some of the people they know drink the tap water too. So it's mostly the green

Sind T. Zelony
Not an A&E Editor

that is the "issue" here (I don't see the reason for the protest, such things build character).

Nonetheless, this is not what the people want, and so they have been answered. A new filtration system has been installed and, "The water has been recently tested in several residence halls and testing results are now within acceptable limits." So luckily, for those of you who aren't huge fans of punk music, you can now enjoy other dyed hair colors in our futile attempts to be considered different while still maintaining your conformity to some larger aspect of society. Now for those of you who want to ride the green wave to Funky Town like I do, there are a few

solutions that I have come up with (or down with, depending on your perspective).

1) Boil down the water and concentrate it to its purest source. "Acceptable limits" doesn't mean anything. Heck, they could've just raised the limits when we weren't looking. Have faith, and the chartreuse hair rivers will come.

2) Try a sampling of every dorm's water. Now at Westfield, wine-tasting parties are incredibly hard to put together and against dorm policy in most cases. Tap water tasting parties, however, are much easier to put together. Get several large bottles filled with tap water from each dorm and then pour into champagne glasses, making sure to label each one. The e-mail said they tested water from several dorms, not every dorm, so there is hope for you yet. Although, do note

to be careful when washing the glasses beforehand, so as not to taint the purity of each sample.

3) Find whatever water you can that might have been stored from before. Whether it's in ice form, that water bottle that's been sitting out for a couple of weeks, or standing water from other sources, collect it and store it up for harsh times.

I hope these solutions help you, and once again I give my thanks for those were on this task and took to it their finest attention to detail and efficiency.

Yours in insincerity,
Sind T. Zelony

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The Westfield State Veterans Association

Robert Richards
Voice Reporter

We have many students on the Westfield State University campus who come from many different cities, towns, states, and countries. We have students with many different life experiences; as a result, these students can add great depth to the classroom, engage in creative ways in student activities, and other events that happen around campus. Are you aware that we have, this semester, 252 veterans, active duty and reserves, 43 dependents using benefits, making the total to 295 on our campus? We also have 100 distant learners. It's amazing to

see a great number of veterans and service members coming to Westfield State University!

We have a fairly new club on campus, the Westfield State Veterans Association. It was started last semester and plans on doing some exciting things this semester. The thought of starting a veterans club was in the works for a while and was eventually brought to life by the Westfield State University Veterans and Military Service Coordinator, William LaFever. Westfield State is known as a military friendly school, and with a new club on our campus that focuses on military and veterans issues, it will only strengthen our

school. It's the goal of the Westfield State Veterans Association to welcome all people to the club meetings. You don't have to be a veteran, service member, or a member of the National Guard to be a part of the club. The new club wants supporters and a network that would be healthy to military, veteran's affairs, and all that attend.

The president of the Westfield State Veterans Association is Uriah Smith, a junior in the political science degree program. Uriah Smith served our country in the United States Marine Corps. He was an E4 Corporal that was stationed in Camp Pendleton in Califor-

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A New Semester

Lydia Grossi
Voice Reporter

The first week of classes is always so foreign and exciting. I am thankful that syllabus week is over and done with, and the millions of papers can pile up! Not only was it the first week of real classes, it is also the last semester for many seniors here at Westfield. It is a bittersweet feeling and I find myself wishing I was a freshman all over again. The fact that fifteen credits stand between most of us and graduation is a scary thought. Having many friends who are education majors, I am happy to see them finally pass their MTLEs, and continue on

to student-teach. As a psychology major, I am very panicky in regards to what I will do with my life once I graduate. I have realized that all the hard work I have done is finally paying off. I have to say, this is the first year that attending Westfield was not so intimidating. During my first three years, I always felt an anxious heart pound every time my parents brought me back to campus from a break. However, coming back from this past winter break, I didn't feel like that. I can see "Exit 3 Westfield State University" without having a total meltdown. However, I hope all of my fellow senior classmates excel in their last semester and had a fabulous, first full week back!

Who is your Senator?

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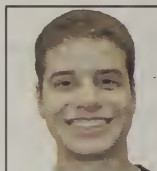
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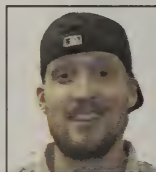
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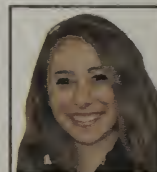
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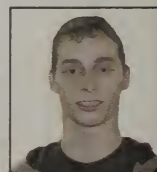
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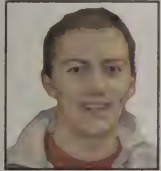
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Undergraduates have found that internships are critical stepping-stones to further academic learning and professional success. Westfield State students have enjoyed a range of exciting placements, working full-time in a professional environment while also experiencing the intellectual, social and cultural diversity of the Capital. Some of our Criminal Justice students have worked with INTERPOL, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the U.S. Marshal Service, DEA, Homeland Security, Potomac Advocates, and the Department of Justice Office of Civil Rights. History majors have experienced Capital Hill and the U. S. Naval Museum. Political Science majors made contributions to the National Democratic Committee, various Congressional offices, law firms, the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, the American Task Force on Palestine and the State Department. Communications majors found exciting opportunities with public relations firms, law and lobbying offices, and various newspapers. Business, Math and Economic majors contributed to the work of the U.S. Treasury, F.D.I.C., the Small Business Administration and the United States Department of Veteran Affairs. Dual majors, Environmental Science and Political Science for instance, found placements like the Environmental Protection Agency provided the best of all worlds. One of our art majors also worked in graphic design and web development with the EPA.

Limited paid placements are available in some federal agencies – the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Treasury, for instance. Significant scholarships covering complete program and housing expenses are also available for students with disabilities.

Deadlines vary depending on program and semester.

Priority General Application deadline for Summer 2014 is February 19, 2014
General Application deadline for Summer 2014 is March 12, 2014.

Applicants for Fall 2014 should file April 2014.

The application process includes a writing sample, 2 references, resume and transcript. Students are encouraged to plan well in advance of their intended internship semester.

Experiences are tailored to meet the academic and professional needs of the students. Academic credit is provided by Westfield State through consultation with the appropriate academic department. Congressional meetings, embassy visits, workshops and speakers round out the academic and professional offerings.

Interested? **Contact Maureen McCartney, Associate Dean of Academic Achievement and Liaison to The Washington Center, to learn more about the Washington Program**
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Arts & Entertainment

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2014
LEWIS PACHECO & LYNDON SEITZ, Editors

as of Feb. 5, 2013

Top 10 Singles

1. Katy Perry ft. Juicy J - Dark Horse
2. Pitbull ft. Ke\$ha - Timber
3. OneRepublic - Counting Stars
4. A Great Big World - Say Something
5. Eminem ft. Rihanna - The Monster
6. Jason Derulo - Talk Dirty
7. Passenger - Let Her Go
8. Lorde - Team
9. Lorde - Royals
10. Bastille - Pompeii

Top 5 Albums

1. Frozen Movie Soundtrack
2. Is Anybody Out There? - A Great Big World
3. Beyonce - Beyonce
4. Pure Heroine - Lorde
5. Mind Over Matter - Young Giant

Top 5 Movies

1. Ride Along
2. Frozen
3. That Awkward Moment
4. The Nut Job
5. Lone Survivor

Upcoming DVDs

1. Ender's Game
2. The Counselor
3. The Summit
4. Thor: The Dark World
5. 12 Years A Slave

David Nail to perform at Spring Weekend Concert



It was recently announced that Country singer, David Nail, will be performing at this year's Spring Weekend Concert. He is expected to perform hit songs "Whatever She's Got" and "Turning Home"

Jeffrey Darko Voice Reporter

Students could not hold their excitement to know which artist will be performing at this year's Spring Weekend Concert, and from which genre his or her music is.

Their wait was deemed worthwhile when the announcement of the artist and the date of the concert

were made via the Westfield State Facebook page in the course of the week.

Country artist David Nail is the artist who will be performing at this year's Spring Weekend Concert, which will be held on Saturday, April 26th.

According to various comments on social networks, students seem very thrilled to be seeing David Nail in Concert and can-

not wait for the fun-filled activities the Campus Activity Board (CAB) has put together.

David (Brent) Nail, who found much love in playing sports in his early ages, — baseball specifically — also dreamt about pursuing music as his career.

He was born and raised in Kennett, Missouri, but moved to Nashville where he landed a recording deal;

in which he had the opportunity to record his first self-titled album.

He later shifted his focus to coaching baseball; yet gaining other connections helped him put out his second album.

One of peoples' favorite singles of his is "Memphis", which reached number 52 on Country's Billboard Hot Country singles and tracks chart.

Lyndon's Album Reviews

Evergreens by Tarlton is "hauntingly beautiful"

Lyndon Seitz
A&E Editor

Taproot: The Episodes – This album is an absolute mess. Can we have a rule that only Kanye and Daft Punk can use the robot voice from now on? This is painful to listen to, so very painful. I had a nightmare once, and it sounded

like this album, except this album was slightly more demonic in nature. On occasion, it ceases to be the stuff of my nightmares and instead is just average nu-metal (not that far off in my opinion). Don't go near this album, there is nothing good to offer you unless you are a masochist.

Tara Priya: Goodbye

Romeo – Seven tracks of female vocal pop (except without the EDM you find in most pop music these days). There were tinges of both Amy Winehouse and Beyoncé in this album, with Winehouse probably coming across as the strongest influence. That being said, the songs just don't come out as being as strong as

either of the artists I just mentioned, for no stand-out reason. If you're interested, check out the tracks "Southern Girl" and "Goodbye, Romeo;" they're the best tracks and are highly representative of the album in general.

Tarlton: Evergreens

– This is a very soft album that reminds me a little of

Radiohead except much more atmospheric. I mean this in the best possible way, and the music is very hauntingly beautiful when the listener is in the right mood (this is absolutely mood music, use when melancholy). The main criticism that can be levied against the album is that the album goes on you notice the repetition, particularly within the rhythms of the songs. I would recommend listening to the tracks "Tapes" and "Cloisters" before getting the whole album, but if you like those tracks, you'll certainly like the rest.

Teitur: Let The Dog Drive Home – I can't say the album impressed me at all. The lyrics were above average for the average album I wound up listening to, but the lyrics were the best part of the album. Everything else was for the most part a repetitive collection of slow piano driven songs that attempt to evoke emotion while seeming to me to be relatively emotionless. If you're still interested, the best track on the album is the closer, "All I Remember From Last Night is You."

These City Limits: The Modern Standards – It's like they're trying to be AFI but are failing to quite a degree. They use screaming not as a device but more as a crutch on some tracks. Still, it is catchy at times and is superior to many of those that try to straddle the line between pop and metal. I found myself wanting to like it, but to me it just made too many mistakes. If you like this sort of music you might possibly enjoy it, but otherwise I'd recommend staying far away. It may seem familiar at first, but soon escapes that



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Knowing to Cook

A good meal is best enjoyed with those you love

Ryan Cashman

Voice Columnist

Returning from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) this past Saturday, I decided to stop by my home in Franklin. My younger brother, Connor, the one who made it his mission to make the perfect piece of toast, was turning 12 the following day, and I thought it a good idea to drop by the house to wish him an early happy birthday.

As I drove down the street toward my house, I noticed that my mom's car was not in the driveway. When I asked my dad about it, he replied that she had gone out to get food for my visit. It is worth pointing out that my friends Hannah and Marisa were with me. My dad, though not a coffee drinker himself, had made a fresh pot of coffee for us to enjoy during our stay. My mom returned within fif-

teen minutes of our arrival carrying two grocery bags. She dropped them on the floor, hugged me, and then said, "Good, you're here! Go get the rest." It was no surprise to me that my mom had devoted a quarter of the groceries specifically for our visit that morning.

We all sat around the island in our kitchen, eating muffins and drinking coffee, while discussing everything from school to the Super Bowl. It was a truly lovely visit. I believe it is in the nature of family to be welcoming and warming, and what better way to express that than through food. I'm sure those muffins my mom bought for us would not have tasted as good had we not all sat down and enjoyed them together. One may think this to be a strange notion, but I truly believe that food tastes better when you share it with people you love. Having fun is as important to a meal as are the ingredients used to

make it. I cannot recall ever having a bad meal with people I love. Even if the food was awful, I still had a wonderful time.

I have fond memories of home, most of which take place in the morning. On an average Saturday, I wake up at my normal time of 5:30 a.m. and head downstairs. The house is always quiet and I usually let the dog out, make a cup of tea, sit down in the living room, and flip through a book. My dad is the next one downstairs, followed by my brother, sister, and finally my mom. She loves sleeping in on weekends. By the time everyone in the house is up it is roughly 8:00 in the morning, and that is when breakfast begins. Some weekends my mother makes waffles and fruit salad or French toast. If we had pizza the night before, my dad will make Pizza Scrambled Eggs, a Cashman Family invention

and favorite.

Here at school, I still wake up at 5:30, make tea, and read a book. It is always quiet in my apartment in the mornings, mostly because none of my roommates are as crazy as I am to wake up at 5:30 on a Saturday. As I sit and read, sipping my tea, I think of home. I think of my mother making breakfast and my dad and siblings watching television. There are some mornings I can even taste my mom's breakfasts. That is how powerful home is to me; so strong I can taste it.

So, without further adieu, I proudly present the first recipe of 2014: Pizza Scrambled Eggs.

Buona Tavola!
PIZZA SCRAMBLED EGGS
 Ingredients:
 Eggs
 Fresh or Leftover
 Pizza
 Butter
 Salt & Pepper

Instructions:

1. Crack eggs into bowl. Add milk, salt, and pepper. Whisk until all the ingredients are mixed together.

(Note: Ratio of Eggs to People = 2:1)

2. Take leftover pizza and chop it into very fine bits. If you possess a blender or food processor, chop the pizza into small squares then throw them into the food processor to make them into small bits.

3. Take a decent slice of butter and place it in a heated pan.

4. Once the butter begins to bubble add the eggs and the pizza.

5. Continuously stir and move the eggs as they cook.

6. Cook eggs until they are light and fluffy.

7. Serve with toast.

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Winter Weekend activities prove to be great opener to spring semester

JR Nieb

Voice Reporter

Many students kicked off their Spring 2014 semester with a bang thanks to the events of Winter Weekend, which took place from Thursday, Jan. 23, to Saturday Jan. 25.

Steven Kligerman, 22, president of the Campus Activities Board and a senior, liberal studies major at Westfield State University said that Winter Weekend is a way to welcome everybody back and it gives everybody something to do for the first weekend.

"The Winter Weekend is sponsored by the Campus Activities Board and our general members help us out a lot, volunteering at different events," said Kligerman. "And obviously

our advisors, too."

Kligerman commented saying he believed the Winter Weekend went really well and that there was a good mix of events taking place.

"Our Friday event, the Winter Whiteout Dance didn't go as well as we hoped," said Kligerman. "We didn't get as many people to that as we were hoping."

Kligerman said that all of the events went really well and smoothly. Kligerman said that everybody that went to the events seemed to really enjoy him or herself.

"We thought it was a pretty good success overall," said Kligerman.

Kligerman said he likes giving other students

something to do; like in the Dining Commons, where students are entertained by magician Matt Franco, who goes around and do tricks to excite people, encouraging them to attend that event. Kligerman said he really likes seeing that people enjoy and appreciate the Campus Activities Board putting on these events and then actually going and enjoying them.

Kligerman said that the only thing he didn't like about Winter Weekend was the fact that they didn't get the attendance that they were expecting to have at the Winter Whiteout Dance.

"You want to see every event succeed really well and you work so hard to put these on and when some-

thing doesn't go as well as you hoped, it's kind of disappointing," said Kligerman. "But it wasn't terrible."

On the night of Thursday, Jan. 23, they had comedian, Gordon Baker, perform in the Owl's Nest. On Friday night, Jan. 24, they had the Winter Whiteout Dance, which was held in Scanlon Hall. Kligerman said that they had a group named DJ Scratch and Bang, which is a combination between a DJ and a drummer that played together.

Kligerman said that on the night of Saturday, Jan. 25, they had Franco perform at Dever Stage. Afterwards, they had bingo in Scanlon Hall at 11 p.m., where they announced the Spring Weekend artist for

this year.

As it turns out, the administration is very much in favor of these events. "I know administration really likes that we put these events on to give students an opportunity to do something safe and fun," said Kligerman. "[They] asked us in years past to do something that first weekend and we ran with it," said Kligerman. "It's a good opportunity for us to get back in the swing of things and get students excited for the upcoming semester."

Kligerman said that the events of this year's Winter Weekend were similar to last year's because both had a dance, comedian and bingo. Kligerman said that they added an extra

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Owls Sports

Hockey Has .500 Week

Westfield State Men's Ice Hockey team won convincingly against Worcester State on Thursday but lost to Plymouth State on Saturday



Dan Loughlin was awarded a penalty shot on a breakaway during the first period against Worcester State. He scored to give the Owls a 1-0 lead.

**Derek Ditmars and
Joe Meehan**
Voice Reporters

The Westfield State hockey team split their two games last week, beating Worcester State 5-1 and falling to Plymouth State 6-2.

Against Worcester State, Juniors Dan Loughlin and TJ Powers led the way for the Owls, scoring two goals apiece.

Loughlin's first goal of the night came on a penalty shot in the first period after he was hooked from behind on a breakaway. The goal gave the Owls an early 1-0 lead.

Michael Dery was able to knot it up at 1-1 before the first intermission, but it was all Owls the rest of the game.

Powers put Westfield ahead for good with an early second period goal, before the Owls erupted for three goals in the final period, with Kyllian Kirkwood tallying his sixth goal of the season and Powers and Loughlin each adding their

second on the night.

Senior goaltender Eddie Davey made 35 saves on the night for Westfield, including some big saves in a penalty filled first period for the Owls.

On Saturday evening, February 1st, the Owls men's ice hockey team lost a lopsided divisional battle against their rivals from the north, Plymouth State, with a final score of 6-2.

Westfield State was on the wrong end of an explosive four goal third period. After tying the game 2-2 with only seconds remaining in the second on a top shelf backhand by Loughlin.

The Owls seemed to have left their offensive momentum in the locker room. They were plagued by undisciplined penalties, which led to three power play goals for Plymouth State. The penalty killing unit of Westfield State; Mike Busconi, Dalton Jay, Vince Perrault, and Todd Gebert were vulnerable to the constant barrage of shots Plymouth States' power play unit threw at

them.

Apart from discipline, the Owls struggled mightily with breakouts in their defensive zone as well as the amount of quality shots compared to the Panthers. After Plymouth States' fourth goal by sophomore Josh Woody the momentum swung in permanent favor of Plymouth State.

This Saturday night showdown was crucial in the MASCAC standings as Plymouth State pulls even with Westfield State at 14 points apiece and a tie for second place in conference play. The Owls lost to the Panthers earlier this year on the road with a final score of 6-4, on Dec. 7.

Now with this loss, Plymouth State takes the season sweep, outscoring the Owls 12-6. It is a 170 mile road trip from Westfield State's Amelia Park to the Plymouth State campus in New Hampshire; however, it could have seemed a lot longer had the Panthers not pulled out this crucial divisional win on the road.

Westfield play Framingham State next on Feb. 6.

Softball hopes for success with returning players



PHOTO FROM WSU ATHLETIC DEPT.

The Westfield Softball team is looking forward to their upcoming season. They are sponsoring softball clinics for players in grades 8 thru 12 on upcoming Sundays, 2/9 and 2/23. Each clinic is \$85 or you could sign up for both for \$160.

Danielle Perkins
Voice Reporter

The Westfield women's softball team started off their season on Monday, January 27.

After a tough 7-28 overall record last year, they were arguably the most talented team with a losing record in their conference and are looking to turn the tables this year.

Captain Molly Dunbar is going to be a force in the outfield, Captain Kelley Fluet will be commanding the infield with the heat from her right arm, and Captain Amanda Flower will continue to control the game with her energy

from behind the plate.

The team's upperclassmen had a tough break at bat last season and are overdue for a record-breaking hitting streak. On March 8, 2014, the team leaves for Clermont, Florida where they will get nine games under their belt. This should warm them up for their season opener at home against Elms College on March 19th.

The team will be looking for big defense from returners Kat Robinson and Kelsey Carpenter, big at-bats from Breanne Biceglia and Amanda Flower, along with big play from first year Emma Dunbar as a newcomer.

Women's Basketball loses close battle with Bridgewater

WSU Athletic Department

Senior guard Colleen Hanscom (Melrose, MA) had game highs of 21 points and five steals, and senior guard Elisha Homich (Ludlow, MA) finished with 12 points, nine assists and six rebounds to lead Bridgewater State University to a 65-52 victory over Westfield State University on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

The Bears move to 6-2 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) and 12-9 overall. Westfield is 4-4 and 11-10.

Bridgewater led the entire game but it had to withstand a late rally by Westfield to garner the key conference road victory.

Trailing by its largest deficit of 17 points, 53-36

midway through the second half, the Owls went on a 13-2 run over the next seven minutes to pull within six points, 55-49, on a jumper from freshman guard Alyssa Darling (Palmer, MA) with 3:22 remaining.

But Bridgewater reverse freshman forward Chanelle Melton (Brockton, MA) made the biggest bucket of the game when she calmly drilled a 12-foot baseline jumper with 3:11 remaining. Homich drained two free throws at the 2:52 mark as Bridgewater regained its double-digit lead.

The Bears broke open a tight game in the first half, outscoring the Owls, 13-4, in the final 4:30 to take a 34-20 intermission lead. Bridgewater scored half (17) of its first-half points off turnovers as its full-court press late in the first half rattled the

Owls.

The Big Three of Hanscom, Homich and senior guard Jenna Williamson (Ludlow, MA) teamed up for 44 of the Bears' 65 points. Williamson scored 11 points and was 3-for-6 from 3-point range. Senior center Tatyana Belizaire (Cambridge, MA) contributed eight points. Bridgewater shot 42 percent from the field and forced 26 Westfield turnovers.

Sophomore guard Keri Doldoorian (Whitinsville, MA) led the Owls with 15 points. Sophomore forward Tayler Travis (Somerset, MA) had 11 points and six rebounds and sophomore center Forbasaw Nkamebo (Amherst, MA) grabbed a game-high 16 rebounds, including nine on the offensive glass.

Three players moved closer to scoring milestones. Westfield junior guard Jen Ashton (Beverly, MA) now has 994 career points after scoring five vs. Bridgewater. Homich has 989 career points and Williamson has 1,246

career points, 19 shy of the program's all-time leading scorer Laurie Berryman, who scored 1,265 points from 1992-96.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, January 30th
Ice Hockey vs. Worcester State w 5-1

Saturday, February 1st
W Bball at Framingham State L 53-74
W Swimming vs. Western Connecticut State University W 111-86
M Bball at Framingham State W 69-57
Ice Hockey vs. Plymouth State L 2-6
M/W Track at Dartmouth College Indoor Classic (non-scoring meet)

Tuesday, February 4th
W Bball vs. Bridgewater State L 52-65
M Bball vs. Bridgewater State W 75-67

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, February 6th
M Bball at Western Connecticut 7:00 p.m.

Ice Hockey at Framingham State 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 8th
Ice Hockey at Salem State 2:00 p.m.

M/W Track at MIT Invitational

Tuesday, February 11th
W Bball vs Salem State 5:30 p.m.

M Bball vs Salem State 7:30 p.m.

Syracuse wins a nail-biter over Duke



PHOTO FROM ESPN.COM

The two winningest coaches in NCAA Men's basketball history faced off for the first time as conference foes on Saturday, Feb. 1. The game lived up to every expectation that fans and media had, making the future matchup at the Carrier Dome much more interesting.

John Rebmann
Voice Reporter

No. 2 Syracuse (22-0, 9-0 ACC) narrowly kept their undefeated season alive against No. 17 Duke (18-5, 7-3 ACC) 91-89 in overtime on Saturday night. The Orangemen improved to 21-0 and are now off their best start in school history.

The matchup featured the first time the two teams faced each other in ACC play, with Jim Boeheim earning his 941st career win against Mike Krzyzewski. Krzyzewski is currently the only coach in Division I basketball history that has more wins than Boeheim with an unprecedented 973 career wins.

Duke and Syracuse went into the game with

star freshmen and future NBA prospects Tyler Ennis of Syracuse and Jabari Parker of Duke expected to lead their teams. However, the real star of the game came from the losing team.

With the Orangemen up 78-75 late into the second half, Duke sophomore Rasheed Sulaimon hit the game-tying 3-pointer with less than 4 seconds left to send the game into overtime, where the Blue Devils eventually fell at the hands of the Orangemen.

Sulaimon led the Blue Devils with 16 points and 6 assists.

Tyler Ennis and Jabari Parker did have considerable contributions to their teams, however, with Ennis scoring 14 while Parker

scored 15. Syracuse senior C.J. Fair led the Orangemen with 28 points, with teammate Jerami Grant following close behind with 24. Three Duke players came up with 14 points each.

The Blue Devils played well against the Orangemen, only trailing 35-33 at halftime. Both teams kept it close, neither one leading by more than six at any point of the game.

Both teams handled the ball very well on offense, with each team only committing 8 turnovers. Ultimately, Syracuse shot considerably better, shooting 31 for 54 from the field and 26 for 32 on the line with Duke shooting a dismal 31 for 72 and 12 for 17 from the line.

Syracuse managed

a total of 38 rebounds and nine blocked shots, with freshman Rakeem Christmas contributing six blocks along with his 10 rebounds, both leading the team. However, Duke was unable to get any blocked shots while pulling down 33 boards.

The ACC opponents drew a record crowd at the Carrier Dome, with 35,446 spectators attending Saturday's game, breaking the previous record by a mere 400.

The previous on-campus record was set last year when Syracuse played Georgetown as Big East rivals for the last time.

Following Arizona's upset loss to Cal on Saturday, Syracuse moved up to No. 1 in the AP Polls. The Orangemen

received all 65 first place votes, with Arizona moving down to the number two spot, followed by Florida, Wichita State, and Michigan State. Wichita State and Syracuse are now the only two undefeated programs in Division I basketball. In a shocking turn of events, the Blue Devils moved up to the No. 11 spot in the AP Poll. They moved up six spots from last week's No. 17 ranking.

Syracuse won on Monday against Notre Dame and play their next game on Sunday at home against Clemson, while the Blue Devils play on Saturday against Boston College on the road. The Syracuse-Clemson game will air on ESPN at 6 PM EST on Sunday February 9.

Get Burked

What the Wizards being over .500 means for the future of the NBA



PHOTO FROM WASHINGTON POST

John Wall and the Washington Wizards have defined mediocrity for almost a half decade, but a young roster and a weak Eastern Conference have given them the confidence needed to become a respectable team in today's NBA.

The Verizon Center has seen has not seen a Washington Wizards team with more wins than losses since October 31, 2009. But on Monday, February 3, the unthinkable happened.

The world (or the 13,000 people in attendance) rejoiced when the Wizards defeated the Trail Blazers 100-90. Along with this win, they also beat the Thunder in the previous game to move their record to 23-23.

The 2009 team was a dismal 28-54 and was led by a recovering Gilbert Arenas. Before "Gat Gate" Arenas, the Wizards were a consistent playoff team and were real competitors to LeBron and the Cavaliers for the top spot in the East.

Since that Halloween

night four years ago, the Wizards have a franchise record of 120-236, and have lost every time this season when at .500. They have gone 355 consecutive games with either a losing or even record. By comparison, Milwaukee has the second longest active streak in the NBA at 62.

This win, although only one in the course of an 82 game season, may turn the corner for a franchise stuck in mediocrity. In their last six games, the Wizards have beaten the Suns, Warriors, Thunder, and Trail Blazers.

They currently sit at fifth in the Eastern Conference playoff standings and only have two players on their current roster who are older than 29. The future is



Andrew Burke
Sports Editor

bright for this team, especially with a healthy John Wall, who made his first all-star team this year, and prospects Bradley Beal and Otto Porter Jr.

So, what does this all mean for the NBA? Essentially nothing in terms of championships. The East is a one sided division to say the least. The Heat or Pacers are going to represent the East in the Finals for

the foreseeable future, and every other team is going to have to be patient and develop players like Indiana has.

Nevertheless, the regular season will become more evenly matched and stimulating. The Raptors, currently the third place team in the East, would be sitting at tenth in the West. The majority of the draft lottery in 2014 will be Eastern Conference teams and hopefully this star-studded class will turn the East around in the coming years.

However, the impact this has on the world is immeasurable. I wouldn't be surprised if the Cubs win the World Series this year or if the USA won the World Cup. Washington

has something to be excited about again with the constant buzz kill of politics and RGIII analysis.

With the recent success of the Wizards, rumors have risen that Kevin Durant is considering playing for his hometown team when his contract is up. Durant has denied he wants to play for Washington, but with his recent play, teams may be willing to offer contract numbers not seen before for his services.

John Wall being snubbed from the USA basketball roster for the likes of Gordon Hayward and Kyle Korver will hopefully add fuel to the fire that he is currently lighting. If he and the Wizards continue their play, the NBA will be more exciting and fun.

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Board. She reported that some of the neighbors are having concerns about the strong student presence in the downtown area and near Lansdowne Place. Some of the issues neighbors have brought up were vandalism, noise complaints, and underage drinking.

Lantry also said that the Neighborhood Advisory Board is working with the Relay for Life Club in order to test whether the lighting on Alumni Field is bothersome to the neighbors at night. The Relay for Life, being held April 4 and 5, is to be held on Alumni Field. The music will stop at 10 p.m., however.

Rebecca DiVico gave a reminder to the members that everyone should pay the \$200 deposit. Students who have a deposit on file will be guaranteed the opportunity to select a room, apartment, or suite through Housing Sign-Up. DiVico also announced Joshua Hettrick, assistant director for housing, will be at the next SGA meeting to talk to members.

Joshua Frank, vice president of finance, had one proposal to present to the Senate involving the Academic Pursuits Club. The club asked for funds to cover half the cost for twelve tickets for the Shakespearean Company's production of "Private Lives." Frank motioned to allocate \$240 to the club. The motion passed unanimously. The Finance Committee now has \$4,067.85 left in their disposal for club activities.

Justin Connolly motioned to approve Andrea Hicks as representative to the SGA for University Hall for the 2013-2014 academic year.

After a very busy meeting was brought to an end, the SGA all thanked the madam president one more time with loud applause and cheers for her strong State of the Campus address.

Those who missed opening role call were: Connor Swain, Amy Macdonald, Cleston Fleming, and Ashley Erskine.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be on Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

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that the Bible is infallible and can't be wrong. But, we know that the Bible is certainly erroneous in many areas (including astronomy and other basic modern sciences).

Ham brought with him some videos of his fellow creationist scientists to back him up. It was quite pathetic actually, but not anything I wouldn't expect from Ken Ham. One of these scientists was Danny Faulkner, who is an astronomer and is also employed by Ken Ham. I was immediately dubious of Faulkner's credibility when he said that nothing in astronomy disproves the creationist idea of a young earth (6,000

years old). I have read a couple of astronomy books and essays, and it is something I am passionate about so I know that no preeminent astronomer would say such outlandish things. The scientifically literate were not duped by this nonsense. Upon further research I found that Faulkner is indeed a pseudo-astronomer. That is to say he is completely on the scientific fringe, and has his own bizarre interpretations of astronomy, which do not comply with the facts. This is something that Bill points out later on in the debate, when talking about how we know and measure distances in the universe.

When arguing against evolution, Ham provided ever so blatantly to us his lack of knowledge on the subject. He said absolutely nothing substantial in the face of Nye's scientifically based arguments. One insignificant argument was one which included the statement that, "Dogs aren't used as an example of evolution, but Darwin's finches are." As someone who has privately researched evolution, I was blown away by this. In the book "The Greatest Show On Earth," written by author, evolutionary biologist, and religious critic Richard Dawkins, there is an entire chapter in which he describes how dogs are a prime example of evolution. (I suggest that book to anyone interested in the subject. Another good book is, "Why Evolution Is True" by Jerry Coyne.) Dogs are commonly used as evidence for evolution; anyone who says otherwise hasn't done their research. The clear lack of scientific knowledge is, in the end, what assured Ham a loss in the debate.

Another little thing that deeply annoyed me was Ham's ignorant statements about atheism being a religion, and that teaching evolution was in the same sense teaching atheism. Anybody who is not a complete fool understands that atheism is the lack of religion. Religion is the worship of a supernatural God or Gods, and atheism is the disbelief in a supernatural God or Gods—the exact opposite. Nye responded to the claim that teaching evolution is teaching atheism by explaining that there are millions upon millions of religious people who understand that science is the truth. Evolution is a fact whether you're religious or not. As he might like to think they should be, Ken Ham's views aren't the truth to everybody. (Well, technically they aren't the real truth to anybody.) It was just more that was building against Ham's case for his views to be taken seriously.

They went back and forth for a while, repetitiously going over what they already covered while responding to questions from the audience. Then it happened. The question I was hoping someone would ask was asked: "What if, if anything, would ever change your mind?" Ken Ham replied first with, "Well, the answer to that question is, I'm a Christian..." He

then went on to explain how nothing could ever change his mind. He knows the Earth is 6,000 years old and that's final. I'm probably not alone in this, but I know Christians who adapt to scientific truth, or have been swayed from their religion all together by the facts. The narrow-minded answer you would expect from an incredibly uninformed child is the answer we got from Ken Ham.

Bill Nye gave an answer that we would expect from a respectable, intelligent person: "We would need just one piece of evidence... Bring on any of those things [pieces of evidence] and you would change me immediately." This is how science works. Each scientist wants to be disproven in order to progress closer to the truth. Evolution could be disproved, easily, but it hasn't. This is because it is the truth; it is part of our history.

I would say Bill Nye could have done a better job picking at Ham's nonsensical theological ideas, but instead he did do a great job at promoting the importance of scientific literacy and scientific inquiry. Prior to the debate, he said this was his main goal and I believe he stuck to his word. With his push for a more scientific America, Bill Nye took the debate with style and respectability. And with that, I will say what is on all of our minds: Bill Nye for President!

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to offset the costs of the healthcare system. Obama has made a mad estimate of 7 million enrollees for this year. (I'll switch over and become a Democrat if that happens.)

The House of Representatives has passed a new \$11 trillion farm bill this week! This marks a major step forward in ending a 2-year bipartisan quarrel over the legislation. The bill which has been negotiated out by the House and the Senate has cut \$8 billion from the food stamp program over the next decade. The bill also eliminates dozens of agricultural subsidy programs that would give direct payments to farmers and landowners whether or not they were growing crops! The senate is expected to take up the bill this week.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo has called out conservatives in New York, and has "kindly" asked them to get out. Cuomo has said that, "Extreme conservatives... have no place in New York." Cuomo has essentially declared war on the GOP and many groups in New York who hold traditional values in comparison to his liberal agenda.

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at least some sort of knowledge about the scandal.

The State assembly and Senate are currently investigating further into the motives, and just what Christie's involvement with the scandal was, including several subpoenas to be issued by the Feds to the Christie campaign members. The panel members

include eight democrats and four republicans, and Chicago Lawyer, Reid Char, is advising it.

It is a sad thing when a political figure stoops so low as to cause damage to the necessities that are emergency vehicles and school buses just for the sake of political revenge.

It is even sadder when only about 10% of those supporters will respond negatively to this kind of behavior, which is not anywhere near acceptable.

I would be very surprised if the panel does not make a dramatic statement, and even possibly force Christie out of the re-election campaign, where maybe a trustworthy candidate could take the opportunity.

I think Christie definitely had knowledge of this "traffic jam," and knew that it was not for some kind of traffic survey.

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forking over \$350-\$500, most of us are hesitant to take the plunge. But, how you would you feel if you could get a pair of these shoes for \$95?

Many high quality men's shoe manufacturers offer re-crafting and re-soling. This business caters to men who have owned a pair of the manufacturer's shoes for years. It's a service designed to retain customers and keep them happy, not make money off of them. As a result, it is very reasonably priced. But you may be saying, "I don't own a pair, how does this apply to me?" This may be true, but remember those shoes your grandfather gave you? If you're satisfied with them, you can ship them back and they will replace the shoe heels, welting, cork foot beds, and laces and replace with brand-new materials. You can even pay for them to refinish the leather and hand-polish the shoes.

Bartering: To barter is to exchange one's services or products for another's service of products. It's the oldest form of commerce and worked for a long time until it was replaced by modern currency systems. If you have a skill or excess inventory, think about how you could trade this for a service or product you need. This is why bartering still is important in today's society.

The problem with bartering is that it's harder for two parties to come to terms versus when they are exchanging currency. Also, there needs to be an equal need on both sides for the transaction to take place; a need on one side does not constitute an emergency for the other participant. Finally, be aware that the IRS view barter exchanges as taxable income and has requirements for filing.

Many of us have lost our jobs only to find ourselves searching for work in an environment more competitive than anything in recent memory. If you still have questions, please feel free to email me.

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ore's song skims the surface of potential for the gay narrative, Macklemore fundamentally lacks the understanding of living life as a gay male. Despite knowing members of the LGBTQI community, Macklemore cannot and will never fully comprehend living a life where his very intrinsic nature is not in sync with a heteronormative society. Who, might you ask, could tell the story of the gay narrative better than Macklemore?

Mary Lambert.

Accompanying Macklemore's track, Mary Lambert sings a beautiful refrain. Further elaborating on the chorus, Mary Lambert, an actual lesbian, wrote "She Keeps Me Warm." The accompanying music video features the singer/songwriter tentatively reaching out to a woman and attempting a relationship with a woman she meets at a coffee shop.

While Macklemore doesn't have the ability to understand the everyday struggles of those in the LGBTQI community, this does not necessarily diminish his contributions. Through his song, Macklemore has put same-sex rights in the spotlight. Similar to Lady Gaga's "Born This Way," LGBTQI and allies have adopted "Same Love" currently in their endeavor to push same-sex legislation. Even during his Grammy performance, Macklemore sang "Same Love" while thirty-three couples were married on stage, attempting to further demonstrate the trite phrase that "love is love, no matter the genders involved."

However, it must be questioned why Macklemore's "Same Love" has received the notoriety it has, while "She Keeps Me Warm" hasn't received the same attention. Is it somehow more comfortable to hear a second-hand interpretation of discrimination and stereotyping? Is it more palatable to criticize hip-hop and the music industry rather than support a woman finding love with another woman? Lastly, why not criticize those who support discrimination in the music industry with their passivity, as well?

While Macklemore cannot be championed as a hero for LGBTQI rights, he has certainly opened up a few dialogues. Be it concerning same-sex legislation or hip-hop culture, Macklemore has directed the focus of thousands to LGBTQI individuals and their marginalization.

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event this year, which was Franco.

"I think a big difference was our announcing of the Spring Weekend artist...throughout the week before, we had been putting clues on social media about who the artist is," said Kligerman. "I think that got people both interested in Winter Weekend and excited about Spring Weekend, which is in a couple months."

Kligerman said that as far as attendance goes, they had pret-

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ty similar numbers on how many people attended the events. Overall, Kligerman said that attendance included 120 people at the comedian show, 150 people at the dance, 200 people at the magic show, and a little under 200 people at bingo, totaling 650 and 675 people.

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nia. Uriah was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Uriah jokes and says, "He faced many sand storms and camel spiders." Uriah Smith is working to make a lasting impact on the campus through the Westfield State Veterans Association. He, along with all the members of the club, welcomes others to join.

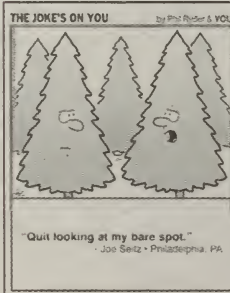
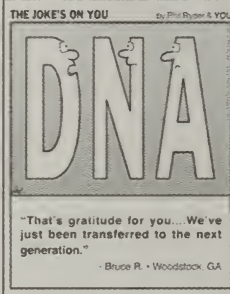
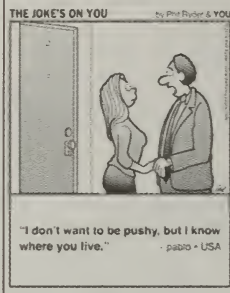
It would be great to see a huge turnout at the meetings! Do you have anyone in your family who has served our country? How does that make you feel? Do you feel a sense of pride and gratitude that they chose their country over themselves? Yes, it's true that we have heroes in our society, and these heroes do not wear a superhero's cape; some of them even walk among us on campus.

The Westfield State Veterans Association meets the first and third Wednesday of every month. The club meetings will be located in Wilson Hall in room 112. The club also has a new Facebook page. You can "Like it" at <https://www.facebook.com/westfieldstateveteransassociation> and find out what the Westfield State Veterans Association is doing. So, when you're walking to class, getting something to eat at the DC, or attending a sporting event, you might see a service member, veteran, or someone in the National Guard. Give them a handshake and tell them that you're thankful for what they're doing or did for our country. Let's continue to make Westfield State University an even more military friendly school.

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Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

You might need to prepare for unforeseen circumstances in the near future, as otherwise you will have to deal with things that you'd rather not have to deal with. Examine all of the recent choices you have made and see what might need to be checked up on.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

You will find yourself in a metaphorical maze of twisty passages, many of them alike. Remember to use your metaphorical torch in this situation to light your way out. It shouldn't take too long, the stars advise you.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

You are a winner. There is no goal or achievement that you can't overcome. Any challenge you will laugh off as child's play. Know that this week is going to be utterly fantastic for you, and try to make the most of it as you possibly can.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

We're sorry, but your ambitions for life are in another castle. Keep trying, you'll eventually find what you are looking for. Either that or you will run out of lives before you find it. Hopefully that will not happen.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

You may wish to shore up your interplanetary defenses this week; otherwise you may face some problems in the upcoming alien invasion. You do not want all your base to belong to them. It would be a headache at the very least.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

Choose to choose your path in life instead of merely obeying some societal dictate that tells you what to do. Be a person instead of a slave. Live as the master of your own destiny.

Libra

(September 23 - October 23)

Would you kindly be great and be the strongest person you can be? Remember that you do anything you put your mind to. Also, don't forget to deliver the package to the predetermined location.

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

Whatever you do, under no circumstances should you ever

do a barrel roll. It might result in lost cargo or passengers, which would really put a damper on how your day is going for you. Simply keep flying as normal, assuming you can fly.

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

You will want to avoid the mushrooms on your pizza for a little while. Otherwise you might find yourself in a situation where you are rather bloated and start accidentally destroying brick walls when you jump into the air.

Capricorn
(December 21 - January 20)

If you find yourself in contact with a cake this week, be aware that it could be a horrible lie

meant to deceive you from what you really need. What you really need is pie. Pie is good. Pie is holy. All hail pie.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

When looking for love, it's dangerous to go alone. You will want to try to get all of the help you can. Don't forget to shield your heart and try to force yourself forward when struck with a bad situation.

Pisces

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

You will want to avoid tall grass this week, as strange creatures might attach themselves to you and it can be dangerous without protection. Sometimes staying home can be the best thing for you.

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2/11	9 pm	One Night Stand	Owl's Nest
2/12	5-7 pm	Study Abroad/Away Info Session	Tekoa Room
2/12	3-5 pm	BHM: From History To New Success	Ely 324
2/13	4-5 pm	BHM: Library Poetry Walk	Ely Library
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Student Government tackles the new online housing sign-up process at their last meeting

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

The Student Government Association's meeting last Tuesday heavily revolved around Joshua Hettrick, assistant director of housing, and his discussion about the new online housing process.

Hettrick first announced that the new housing pamphlets, which give out information to sign up for housing, are significantly shorter. In previous years the pamphlets were sixteen pages, but now they are eight pages to try to get more students to read them and not feel overwhelmed with information.

Beyond the pamphlets, Hettrick said that the main details of the program would be given out to students in different ways. One way is information sessions around the campus, which were held in University, Dickinson, Scanlon, and Davis Halls last Monday, Feb. 10. There will be more sessions on Feb. 19 and all students may attend.

Residential Life also has their first YouTube video on their website for students to get more information and see the new program in action rather than reading it in steps. There is also a "ResLife" YouTube channel for the series of videos on the steps in the housing process.

Hettrick stressed the importance of the \$200 deposit deadline, which is due at 5 p.m. on Feb. 28. 600 students have already paid the deposit and those students can start the early tasks for the "myHousing," Hettrick said. In the "myWestfield" portal, students can click on the "Campus Life," tab and

go to the bottom right of the page to find "myHousing."

Hettrick said some of the links to start finding roommates and filling personal and living preferences are only available to students who have paid the deposit. A new preference that matches up students to room together is musical tastes. Hettrick recounted that Northeastern University added musical tastes on their room preference form and saw a significant drop in roommate conflicts and requested room changes in the year.

Hettrick said he hopes to see the same effects on Westfield in the coming semesters. A student's potential roommate or roommates can be searched with their first and last name and/or their school email address. Only students who paid their deposit and agreed to the housing process will be shown in the search database. Students can back out from a confirmed request anytime and the person that invited them will be notified.

Students will receive an email from the system with any roommate requests. If the student accepts the request, then the two students are together to be roommates. Hettrick said that this goes for any number of students that are living with more than one other person i.e. six or quad sized rooms.

All of the students in a group need to add and accept each other in order to move on to the room selection process. For example, each person in a six-person group needs to add and approve each other in order to move on.

The selection times and nights for each student is based on his or



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The new housing sign-up process can be found under the "Campus Life" tab in MyWestfield.

her rank in class. The first night, March 24, is only for senior and junior students while the second night, March 26, is for senior, junior, and sophomore students.

The third night is March 31, which introduces first year students. A final night is given on April 2 for all classes.

"The biggest concern that I have regarding the process," said Hettrick, "is having everyone accept one another." Everyone in a group must confirm that they all want to live together for the room conformation to go through. There is a tab called "My future roommate request," that shows the status of your group to see who still needs to be eligible for the room. If the person does not respond or has not completed the requirements of paying the deposit and agreeing

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News from other schools

The Daily Collegian, U OF MASS., AMHERST

The Student Government Association is working on setting new goals for the semester. Some of their new goals include giving students more of a say in what goes on and keep UMass affordable.

The Harvard Crimson, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

The Freshman formal, "the Great Gala," ended an hour early because of concerns exhibited by event staff. High intoxication levels were cited as one of the reasons according to the dean of freshman.

The Daily Campus, UNIV. OF CONNECTICUT

Gary Kirsch, a professional staffer with the Community School of the Arts, turned himself in to police after a warrant was issued. He is accused of assault on a fellow employee.

The Daily Orange, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

The Department of Public Safety is encouraging departments to be holding seminars to train members of the campus community how to deal with active shooters.

Western Avenue shut down for six hours on Monday after a busted hose causes an oil spill

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Western Avenue was closed for about six hours on Monday at Kensington Avenue. A small oil delivery truck leaking oil caused the closure. It was due to a burst hose.

According to Tony Casciano, acting director of Westfield State Public Safety, there were 100 to 200 gallons of oil spilt onto the roadway. The truck was attempting to deliver oil around the area of 206

Western Ave.

It was closed from about 11:15 a.m. into the evening commute. The road was reopened around 5 p.m.

Westfield City Police first alerted Casciano of the spill who then sent an email to the campus community. The email was also sent to an account, which sent information to neighbors.

"I thought it was important getting word out to the community," said Casciano.

The initial email said

that the road would be closed until 4 p.m. but it took longer to clean up.

The Republican reported on Tuesday that the Westfield Fire Department had "contained the vast majority, if not all, of the spill."

After the spill occurred, detours were set up so that drivers could get to and

from the campus.

"They did a good job directing traffic around it," added Casciano.

A company spent time throwing sand down and vacuuming the oil from the ground and snow. There does not appear to be any residual damage from the spill.

Our very own piano man...



Ryan McDermott putting in some time on the piano in the garden level of the Ely Campus Center.



What we talked about this week

@westfieldowls, Wednesday
Owls Honored at Annual AD 3.0 reception

@WSU_classof2014, Wednesday
Tickets on sale now for SENIOR TRIP TO MOHEGAN SUN on Feb 22nd! Get your \$20 ticket at the Campus Center service window.

@OwlsPinkintheRink, Wednesday
Mark your calendars: 2/20/2014 is the @WestfieldOwls Ice Hockey Pink-in-the-Rink game. Support the fight against cancer #AmeliaPark #735pm

@westfieldowls, Tuesday
Ashton scores 1,000th point to spark Owls to 67-50 victory over Salem State

Under 100 days to go for the class of 2014; officers hold champagne toast

Joshua Clark

Editor-in-Chief

The class of 2014 held a champagne toast to commemorate the 100-day mark until Commencement last week.

Held in the Owl's Nest in the Ely Campus Center, the event drew such large crowds that lines were out of the door.

Brittany Moniz, president of the class of 2014, said that the class council wanted to plan an event that drew more people than the annual post-rehearsal dinner that Sodexo would put on.

"The 2014 Class Council asked Sodexo if they would be willing to sponsor a different senior event," said Moniz, who is in her second year as president of the class.

"Many seniors are nervous for the end of college ... I try to stay positive and excited for what the future will bring," she added.

The stellar attendance could also have been due to the raffle prize given. Student Affairs and the Barnes & Noble College Bookstore were able to donate six cap and gown sets to the class.



Class president Brittany Moniz (foreground) is offering the toast at the 100 Days event held last week. In the background are class officers Sarah Dowd, Tom Durkee, and Jen McDiarmid.

The winners of the six sets were Stefanny Alecon, Heather Charland, Molly O'Brien, Aline Sawula, Alyssa Stankowski, and Kelsey Thibodeau. The sets cost between \$65-70.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Student Government Association, Moniz said that over 300 seniors were in attendance. She also thanked the officers of the class of 2016, who helped them out

during the event.

Ryan Losco, president of the class of 2016, wished the senior class well. He added that they were "really honored to be there."

Only students who were over the age of 21 were permitted to enter and all left with a commemorative champagne flute.

"I hope that this event can become a tradition in years to come," said Moniz.

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Nye v. Ham debate: Is creation a viable model of origins in today's modern scientific era?

Robert Richards
Voice Reporter

An old debate takes center stage; evolutionist Bill Nye faced creationist Ken Ham in a debate to see if creation is a viable model of origins in today's modern scientific era. The debate took place on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY, and was viewed in Scanlon Hall "Laughman" Living room by the SGA approved club, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

In the hallways, the event had some high energy at the university, because some students thought Bill Nye was coming to the school. Once students found out that Bill Nye wasn't coming to Westfield State University, and that debate was being viewed through live stream, there was a sense of disappointment. Despite the disappointment, there was a fair showing of 70 people for the

debate.

The debate started with a coin toss that took place before the live streaming. As a result, Ken Ham won the coin flip, and decided to share his viewpoints first. Ham quickly stated that, "We need to define terms correctly." He was referring to what science is and how we interpret it. Ken Ham believes there are two sciences: the experimental and the observational. He says that he holds to the biblical view for the origins of historical science, while the school system bases their views on Darwin's viewpoints. Ken Ham claims, "The word science has been hijacked by secularist in teaching evolution to force the religion of naturalism on generations." Ken Ham also stated in his opening response, to the large crowd in Petersburg, Kentucky, "The creation/evolution debate is really a conflict between two philosophical worldviews based

on two different accounts of origins or historical science belief." Ham followed with a bold statement, "Creation is the only viable model of historical science confirmed by observational science in today's modern scientific era."

Bill Nye asked the audience if Ken Ham's creation model could hold up and be viable. He said that science reveals the past. Bill Nye placed some figures concerning the biblical story of Noah's flood on the screen and said he had a hard time believing the biblical account of Noah's ark. He writes, "500 ft. wooden boat? 8 zookeepers? 14,000 individuals? Every plant under water ...for a full year?"

He quickly adds to his point of disbelief by stating that the fossils at the Grand Canyon are all in their own layers, and if there was a flood the animals would swim to the top, yet none did. Bill adds to

his conviction, "If you could find evidence to this you could change the world." Bill Nye also addressed the point that many Christians in the world do not accept Ken Ham's teaching of creation and that the earth is 6,000 years old. Nye was also very adamantly concerned for the United States of America and explained that he is a patriot. He was deeply concerned for the United States and the years that lay ahead. It was pointed out that America needs to continue to be a leader in the world with technology and science, yet if we harbor two viewpoints of science it will weaken our nation. "...We will not move forward and embrace national laws, we will not make discoveries, we will not invent, enervate for the days that lay ahead," passionately declared Nye. He ended his statement and said he could not endorse Ken Ham's creation belief and called it "not viable."

The debate went on for two and a half hours with many good points shared. Both debaters showed poise and respect for one another. There were even jokes thrown at each other; however, it was done in good humor, and the two gentlemen were very candid.

Once the debate was over, the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship club continued to serve refreshments and answer questions that anyone asked. The event went over well and it seemed that all who attended were pleased with the debate. The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship did a great job getting the word out concerning the event. The club meets twice a week on campus, on Monday and Friday at 7 p.m. in the Interfaith Center. All are welcome.

If you desire to see the full debate and gather a viewpoint for yourself, it can be found either on YouTube or Bill Nye's website.

The WSU Commuter Council addresses issues

Luis Arzola
Voice Contributor

The Westfield State Commuter Council has announced that it will be working toward addressing several issues pointed out in the Commuter surveys given last semester. These issues include, but are not limited to, parking, student equality, and venues for commuters.

The Council will be working in a campaign which will attempt to obtain the first parking

spots in South lot assigned to commuters, organize a field trip to Howe Caverns and John Boyd Thacher State Park, and recognize commuters for their achievements in a "commuter recognition" picnic.

Dr. Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs at Westfield State University, said, "This sounds like an interesting award and I am happy to meet and assist with this project." The

Commuter Council is seeking to recognize the academic achievements, student involvement, and exceptional dedication of the commuter student body. Marjorie Rodriguez, publicity director at the Westfield State Commuter Council, said, "The awards will be presented to the students on Commuter Recognition Day in Wilson Hall."

The Commuter Council is seeking the support of the student

affairs department in order to convey a message of equality within all commuting and residential students. Sue Lamontagne, dean of students at Westfield State University, said, "We would be happy to be part of any day that celebrates commuters."

The Commuter Council is a student organization, recognized by the Westfield State Student Government Association, which serves as the voice and represen-

tation of all commuting student on campus. All commuter students are welcome to be part of this group.

Our offices are located in the Ely campus center in room 013 (garden level). Meetings are held every Tuesday from 2:30-3:30PM in the Student Government conference room, located in Ely in room 020.

Luis Arzola is a senior communication major, senator in the Student Government Association, and president of the Westfield State University Commuter Council.

From the front page

Josh Hettrick comes down to Senate to discuss new 'MyHousing' online housing sign-up process

with the housing process, the whole group will not be able to select a room on registration night because of that person, says Hettrick.

Questions were then asked by the SGA. Jennifer McDiarmid, representative of the class of 2014 and parliamentarian, asked whether the server that runs the housing program would be affected if hundreds of students fluttered the Westfield server later in day due to the 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. window for students on their sign up night.

Hettrick said that it would not affect the server because the server is not at Westfield State. The server is hosted in California.

He expects that students won't take more than five minutes to get all signed up if they prepare for their sign up night.

Dana Kilby, representative of the class of 2017, asked if a registered upperclassmen, who would like to room with a first year, would have to wait on the day when the first is allowed to sign up. Hettrick said yes, the upperclassmen would have to wait until the third day to register.

Hettrick also added that "the first year class needs to have the most contingency plans," due to all the students going ahead of the first years. First year students are likely to have issues on selecting their rooms because if they wait too long, which could be only for a couple minutes,

someone can take their room. This goes for all classes as well says Hettrick.

Rebecca DiVico, vice president of student life, asked whether or not one could back out and select a new room after they have already selected a room.

Hettrick said every student should know what room they want because they only get one selection. A student can also see what the room looks like in the building from detailed floor plans while signing up.

A mobile device and a tablet can be used to sign up for housing. Hettrick encourages students to use their cellular services if the Wi-Fi on campus is down or slow as an alternative.

After the very long and informative discussion with Hettrick, Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, moved to approve Olivia Dumas as representative-at-large for the remainder of the academic year. The motion passed unanimously.

DiVico was next to give her report. She reinforced Hettrick's message about the room reservation deposit. All students need to have their deposits in to ResLife by Feb. 28 at 5 p.m. Payments are accepted by check, credit card (by phone or in person), or money order.

Steven Kligerman, vice president of programming, said that the anti-Valentine's Day was a big success. A combined total of 250 students

participated in both events. Trivia is in the Owl's Nest on Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. The winning team will receive \$60 in Owl Bucks. On Feb. 27, students can go skating at Amelia Park at 7 p.m. Admission is free but renting skates costs money.

While the meeting was very one sided on the housing signups, it goes to show that the SGA always puts the campus-wide issues first on

their agenda.

Those who missed the opening role call were: Brit-tany Walters, Kevin Soucie, Brooke Laroche, Domenico Cerasani, and Ashley Dele-on.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be on Feb. 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

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From 'The Voice' Vault

Competency and Conservatism

assembled by Matthew Carlin, assistant managing editor

This article was published in the November 11, 2011 of The Westfield Voice.

Brady Kerr*Voice Reporter*

I did not want to write an article about the Herman Cain sexual harassment allegations. However, since I have written a previous article about Mr. Cain, it would be hypocritical to ignore the current controversy.

As of Monday, Nov. 7, four women have come forward with allegations of wrongdoing on the part of Mr. Cain. I cannot state whether or not I believe he is guilty; it is irrelevant. However, it I apparent we should talk about the way in which the controversy has unfolded.

On Sunday, Oct. 30, Politico released

a story related to Herman Cain and past allegations of sexual harassment. By Monday morning, the story was everywhere and Mr. Cain began a week of uncertainty.

When confronted by Politico's Jonathan Martin, Cain said that he had no knowledge of the allegations. Later that day, he was able to recall some sort of situation in which charges were brought. By the end of the day he was saying that the woman in question might have misunderstood a joke he had made.

At the end of the week, it was confirmed that two women had received financial settlements from the National Restaurant Association, of which Mr. Cain has been chair of at them time. They were given termination relief to the tune of \$45,000 each and asked to sign a non-disclosure agreement. This means that they left the National Restaurant Association, were compensated, and legally bound not to publicly dis-

close their grievances with Mr. Cain.

In pursuit of justice, Herman Cain should be presumed innocent until proven guilty. It should be noted that Mr. Cain was accused of sexual harassment and there was a settlement between the two parties.

This does not associate guilt. It does suggest that there was an incident to which sexual harassment might have taken place. It is dually noted that in the world of American business, these type of frivolous lawsuits spring up all the time and that Mr. Cain would make a good scapegoat.

We cannot ignore the fact that he handled the situation very poorly and that there are now four women with similar stories. The irony here is that Politico has a policy of giving an individual ten days prior to the release of the story to respond to it. The Herman Cain campaign for President had ten days to deal with this situation. They could

have mounted a defense, put out a press release, or at the very least developed sound talking points for the candidate.

In a span of once week, Herman Cain has captured the attention of the American public and it has nothing to do with his 9-9-9 tax policy. His honesty, integrity, and straight talk will be questioned; right now the candidate is in self-destruct mode.

Cain is noticeably agitated with reporters and cannot answer questions definitively. If he had just come out in the first place with a statement addressing the allegation, this would be whole different story.

We need to move on though. The American people are hurting, the economy is stagnated, and President Obama spends more time campaigning for reelection than looking for solutions. The Republicans need to find a candidate who can make Obama a one term President, and Herman Cain is not that candidate.

This article was published in the January 15, 1995 issue of The Owl.

Kristi Demers*Staff Reporter*

Imagine being the voice responsible for 170,000 opinions. Attending formal and informal meetings with fellow colleagues. Add to that six or seven thousand bills coming across your desk to be read along with the pressure of debating those bills within smaller committees. This is typically minimum workload for a Massachusetts state senator.

I visited with Senator Mike Knapik (R) on January 17, 1995, at the State House in Boston. During the course of the visit, Senator Knapik had a meeting with Governor Weld, Conducted an interview, read the day's mail, and returned several phone calls to constituents.

Prior to being elected to his current office, Senator Knapik ambitiously climbed the political ladder. His interest in politics began in Westfield public schools, where he ran for various class officer positions. This pursuit continued throughout college, at Holy Cross in Worcester, MA, where his major was Political Science. After college, he was elected on to the Westfield school

committee for four years. Then, an opportunity presented itself. Senator Knapik ran for state Representative; he held that office for two terms. Last spring, another opportunity opened up to run for a seat in the Massachusetts Senate. He took the challenge and triumphed. Senator Knapik now represents Westfield, Holyoke, 2/3 of Chicopee, Easthampton, Southampton, Russell, Montgomery, and Southwick (a total of 170,000 people).

The first few weeks as senator have been slow in Boston. There seems to be a waiting period before the pace speeds up. First, new legislators must undergo an orientation where they will learn the basics of the legislature (about the State House, their position, and facts like how a bill becomes law). Second, they are waiting for the printing and mailing of all the bills they will consider. Third, all must patiently wait for committee assignments and finalization of room assignments. Once committees are given, the moving around is done, and bills are out, then the senators and representatives can get to law making. Out of the thousands of bills that are debated only ten percent are made into laws. The first formal meeting to begin deliberating will be February 13 for state senators.

During this slow time, he has been returning phone calls and letters and traveling throughout the district. Along with keeping in touch with the people, Senator Knapik will be making more personal appearances to meet those in his new, bigger district. This is the part of politics he enjoys the most. He and his aides attend events all over the area, including spaghetti suppers, pot luck dinners, a DARE graduation, and Eagle Scout ceremonies. Senator Knapik is extremely interested in keeping in touch with his constituents because he "ultimately works for the people." Senators are told that if there is a conflict when voting, they should vote the district, not by what the party stands for.

Senator Knapik states that the main difference between being representative and a senator is the volume of work. He is now responsible for seven more cities and towns, which includes 132,000 more people. The Senator and his aides, Don Humason and Dean Rosingana, read at least six local newspapers from the district to keep up with area happenings and issues.

Senator Knapik also maintains a district office in Westfield, Which very few politicians keep. He feels that the main aspect is that of the people. By keeping a district office,

constituents can phone a local number instead of calling long distance to Boston. His aides consistently relay the calls to him and they all return the calls. Senator Knapik estimates that they make 300 to 400 outgoing phone calls on a daily basis.

Most calls the Senator receives are personal in nature, isolated incidences that people need assistance with. Other calls are about current, controversial issues like welfare reform and battery disposal. Letters received are dated, replied to, and kept in a corresponding file folder. A few of the files are about abortion, steroid use, sex offenders, and Westfield State College.

Senator Knapik has accomplished some major things for WSC. As Representative, he got state funding for repairs of the Ely roof and the fairly recent paving of some campus roads and lots. Currently, the Senator is trying to get the state to help pay to make the campus handicapped accessible in compliance with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act).

Many Believe that politicians are cold, distant, and truly uncaring for the people they represent. Senator Mike Knapik is genuinely concerned for his constituents and makes it a point to meet many of them.

A Visit With Mike Knapik

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RACE RUGH, Editor

ENGL 397: Arthurian Literature is a class that explores the legend of King Arthur

Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

This semester, a brand new class is being offered in the English Department here at Westfield State University. This class is an upper-level special topics in literature course titled Pan-European Arthurian Legends, taught by professor Marilyn Sandidge.

The class focuses on Arthurian legends "that led medieval authors from all over Western Europe and beyond to adapt and expand the narratives to reflect the values and concerns of their own times and places," such as the church, the concept of chivalry, love, and the ideal world.

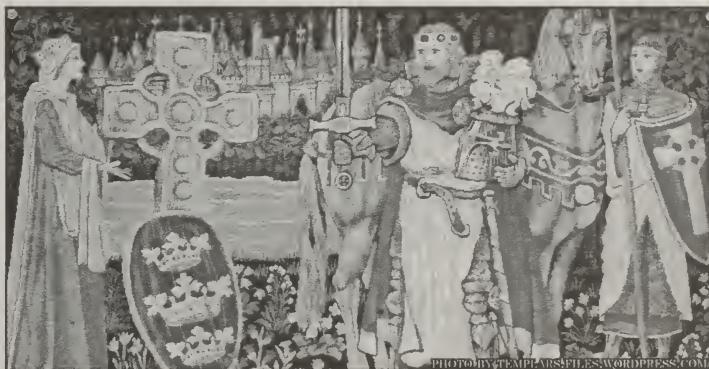
I, along with members of my class, will be and are currently reading Welsh, French, German, Norman, and English works that trace the formation of what has become known as the Arthu-

rian legend.

The class is quite small, consisting of ten students including myself. So far, we have read selections from Geoffrey of Monmouth's *Historia Regum Britanniae*, "Killwych and Olwen," "The Dream of Rhonabwy," and Chretien's "Erec and Enide." We are currently reading Chretien's "The Knight Of The Lion," a tale about Sir Yvain, a valiant knight of King Arthur's Court.

Later on in the course, we will be reading and discussing Wolfram von Eschenbach's novel Parzival, various tales and romances focusing on Sir Gawain, stories concerning King Arthur's death, works by Thomas Malory, and White's novel The Once and Future King.

The class is both lecture and discussion based; assignments consist of close readings, reading respons-



King Arthur is the subject of this special topics class with professor Marilyn Sandidge. This class is highly recommended.

es, oral reports, and essays.

However, Professor Sandidge makes class fun and engaging with jokes pertaining to the readings and odd facts about the tales themselves.

If you are interested in taking a class where you can explore the origins of the Arthurian legend and reading the tales that helped construct the Arthurian legend, I urge you to sign up for this class when it is next available.

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The Conservative View

House Republicans release a proposal to fix the immigration problem... see, we do care!

Republicans have unveiled an immigration proposal this week in the House of Representatives. By unveiling this plan to completely overhaul the nation's immigration policies and laws, House Republican leadership has essentially begun an intraparty struggle. In all respects, the one page proposal that was produced after weeks of heated debate from House Republicans offers a path to legalize 11 million people who are here illegally. However, I must say that the proposal does not offer a path to citizenship which many democrats have voiced concerns over. Immigrants would get legal status to be immigrants, as long as they admit to being here illegally, pay some

fines and taxes, submit to a criminal background check and then demonstrate an understanding of English.

Young people who were brought into the country illegally will be able to apply for citizenship as long as the government meets certain conditions in securing the border with Mexico. House Speaker, John Boehner, said, "These standards represent a fair, principled way for us to solve this issue, beginning with securing our borders and enforcing our laws."

I welcome this plan for immigration reform at a basic level of acceptance. The plan signals a transition of congressional deadlock into a more productive legislative body. However, I don't necessarily like the plan itself and believe it



Matthew Carlin
Asst. Managing Editor

could be perfect with a few added changes. President Obama, for once, voiced my opinion by welcoming the prospect of immigration reform, but would like some more changes before anything moves on (obviously we don't share the same concept of "change").

This plan is most likely the best possible bipartisan agreement that can come out of the congress since

part lines have essentially gridlocked our government. However, republicans in the House and Senate have to hurry up with this legislation; we cannot let this get back to us in the 2016 election because it will become a presidential issue and not a congressional one. Then again, it's possible that this plan can backfire, democrats will support this new legislation for the 2014 election to claim that the now legal immigrants are being treated as second class citizens and will push for the next step; Citizenship.

However, despite what is happening in Congress, America has had some "wonderful" news! President Obama has nominated Navy Vice Adm. Michael S. Rogers to be the next

director of the NSA. Rogers has no prior experience in handling privacy concerns; however, he is a capable cyber weapons expert. If Rogers is confirmed, then he will be shoot straight into a beehive where a series of surveillance and communication reforms have been left abandoned by the Obama administration, while also having to decide who will hold the NSA database. Senior advisors to the president have concerns with placing a new director into the

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The Liberal View

Hillary Clinton not the best Dem for 2016

We are already looking forward to see who is involved in the 2016 presidential campaign. I will be looking to see who will be the most progressive candidate my year after graduation.

Though it seems that I will most likely vote left, I am slightly apprehensive to automatically vote for the possible Democratic candidate, Hillary Clinton. That is, of course, if she decides to run for the position.

In an interview at the end of January, Clinton was asked to comment on her thoughts of running for office. "I have to say I don't

know," Clinton said. "Not a very satisfactory answer." And it's not.

In a candidate, I want full confidence, not media pressure, to influence their decisions, beginning with their campaign and ending with their last term.

Though should she run, I would like to see a Democratic woman president in the office. I do like her, as she takes her current and former responsibilities seriously. The same applies for Senator Elizabeth Warren.

I have to say that Howard Zinn's prediction of Obama's terms were right.

"I think people are dazzled by Obama's rhetoric,



Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

and that people ought to begin to understand that Obama is going to be a mediocre president — which means, in our time, a dangerous president — unless there is some national movement to push him in a better direction."

Honestly, I could not

agree more. I feel like Obama has particularly fallen by the wayside, this term in particular, a little more than disappointing as it was my first time voting.

Obviously, I do not and will not expect the number of issues here in America to be resolved within four years, or even eight. I am hoping for bipartisan legislature to actually pass and not set up filibusters left and right.

Andrew Cuomo has given his service as New York Governor, but I am hesitant to believe he would have the same luck as president. However, if Romney can run with his failure in career as Gov-

ernor and Campaigner, popularity may be all you need to run for office.

An important issue that I will be looking into for candidates are solid plans for the job market, especially for those of us who have a degree and have loans to work off.

Community involvement is definitely huge. It is necessary we realize that starting small is the first step, paying attention to local problems and working through grassroots movements will improve urban

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From the Editor's Desk

New housing sign-up process should have been online years ago, but there are things that need to be re-thought

The second most stressful time of the school year (for current/potential residents) is housing sign-ups. The process is being changed this year and is going all online.

While this is a very logical step for the Department of Residential Life, there are some things about it that seem to defy logic.

First, the room reservation deposit itself. It is important to pay the deposit, this is true. But the options for payment are a bit constraining. There is no cash option nor is there an option to pay online.

Cash is the easiest form of payment going. One of the years that I went to pay my deposit, I went down with \$200 in cash. I was promptly told that they did not have the facilities to accept cash as a form of payment. What?!

The following items are needed to provide for "facilities" for cash payment: a lock box, a pen, and a receipt book. Done. If I can pay for parking tickets in cash, then I should be able to pay my deposit in cash.

Similarly, it baffles me why there is no option to pay for the deposit online. This seems to be a no-brainer considering the fact that a student could pay their semester bill online. Having to negotiate paying for a deposit with a credit card over the telephone is a painful process. And honestly? Who uses checks anymore? I gave them my 72nd check and I have had them for over four years now. I'm not



Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

even going to talk about money orders.

Secondly, the sign-up nights are a little strange. As it stands, a hypothetical group of three seniors, two juniors, and a first-year will have to wait until March 31 in order to select a room because of there being a first-year in their group. This is so that it can be fair to the groups that are made up entirely of seniors or juniors.

To be fair, this has been the policy in the past too.

Since they were able to change some of the policies, i.e. putting the entire process online, they should have been able to change this as well.

It does not matter about the fairness of keeping first-years with first-years on March 31. If a group wants to room with underclassman, they should not be penalized. The group should be allowed to participate in sign-ups on March 24 because they have seniors in their group.

It is certainly less fair to have seniors sent to practically the end of the sign-ups because they happen to be friends with a first-year or sophomore.

The third and most con-

troversial thing that I dislike about the new process is most certainly one particular part of the process itself.

In years past, people would have to wait in line in the Scanlon Banquet Hall and the anteroom had the floor plans that would be somewhat updated with the rooms that had been taken up so that you could adjust accordingly.

With the new online system, the room you are looking at does not lock out to someone else. So, for instance, if you are looking at Courtney 174 (my sophomore year room), and begin the process of filling out the form, someone else who is quicker on the draw and take the room from you.

You could click a room and begin to fill out the information, with no guarantee that you have the room until you click submit and receive a confirmation.

This was a problem that plagued the in-person process in Scanlon Hall. But once the process begins to move online, it should be intuitive that this would be the most important function of the website.

The fact that this is not a part of the MyHousing application is deplorable. Joshua Hettrick, assistant director of housing, said Tuesday at the Student Government meeting that they do not foresee this to be a problem. But how could they not?

I know that I would not find it to be productive having to begin the process over again because somebody was quicker

than I was.

While I am happy that the process is now online, I wish that they figured out these issues before showing this off.

Status of the online edition

Mike O'Loughlin, our online managing editor, has been hard at work getting the online edition back on track.

Last week, we "hired" Chris Cloud, a first-year computer science major, to be our webmaster. Mike and Chris began the arduous process of rewriting the code to re-launch westfieldvoice.com.

From what I can gather, they have starting converting code in Dreamweaver, which is something I know very little about.

They have a shell that is semi-operational. I call it the alpha stage; it is not even ready for beta.

I would also like to take the remaining space to talk about the Communication Department.

I approached the chair, Susan Leggett, to see if she had any recommendations related to where we could go from where we were. She has committed herself to helping us find a solution to our problem.

I would also like to thank Nigel Dobereiner in the Comm. department, who took time out of his busy schedule to sit with me to discuss ways to untangle this mess.

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Gentlemen's Weekly

The Ave Maria cigar of Nicaragua

Hello everyone, this week I have for you my first cigar review of 2014. In this review, I will be reviewing a cigar that is actually new to me. I am speaking of the Ave Maria Ark of the Covenant, which I was able to finally try just last week.

Brand: Ave Maria
Extension: Ark of the Covenant

Country of Origin: Nicaragua

Shape: Robusto
Size: 4.5" x 60
Wrapper: Ecuadorian Habano

Filler: Nicaraguan
Binder: Nicaraguan
Handmade: Yes
Appearance: As soon as I saw this cigar sitting in the walk-in humidor at my local tobacconist, I knew she was something special. The dark brown wrapper

was perfect, not one visible vein at all. If the perfection of the wrapper doesn't bring you in, then the beautiful cigar band surely will. The Ave Maria has one of my favorite cigar bands of all time. The vivid colors and the giant knight in Templar garb drew me in immediately.

Construction: When I started smoking it, I realized that this beast was packed far too tight. It was tight to the point that it was difficult to get a good draw from it. Other than that flaw, the rest of the construction was great. The cap was perfectly flush; the cigar cut very clean and was very easy to light. The ash was very strong, holding on until halfway through the smoke. The ash also had a very light gray color, show-



Joshua Minardi
Social Media Coordinator

ing that the tobacco was healthy when rolled.

Flavor: The flavor started off very toasty with a mild spice to it. Shortly after that there formed a slight, sweet, honey-like note. These sweet notes combined with the pepper for a powerful, yet smooth sweet and spicy flavor. About an inch or so in, the flavor mellows out and a nice earthy profile comes

out. By halfway, the cigar became very sweet as the honey notes surged back out. Personally, I did not enjoy the overwhelming sweetness of it, and was relieved when the sweetness was met by a cedar flavor. The finish was mainly all earth and sweet tobacco flavors. The spice had died down to an undertone.

Value: As much as I enjoyed this cigar, I don't feel that it was worth the \$8.00 that I paid for it. I feel that a \$5-6 price tag would be more logical. But in our region, unfortunately the taxes on tobacco products are growing rapidly and unnecessarily. This makes the \$8 that I paid for it an industry average price per stick. With that in mind, I suppose under these circumstances, that \$8 was a fitting price

overall.

Final Rating: Ave Maria has a great, relatively consistent flavor profile that I enjoy very much. The cigar has a solid hefty body. Other than the minor draw issues, it is a great cigar that I highly recommend to anyone. As I said before, it is now one of my go-to cigars.

I hope that I have helped to inform you on a good cigar for someone who likes sweeter profiles in a stick. As always, if you have any questions about cigars, or just want to go have a smoke with me sometime, feel free to drop me a line at jminardi2720@westfield.ma.edu.

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Changing Lenses

Hey, U.S.: You're not so gayreat yourself: you're not Putin up great LGBTQI laws either

All heads are currently turned toward Russia, the host country for the 2014 Sochi Olympics games. Like previous Olympic events, Russia faces a chilling atmosphere where they encounter rampant criticisms for anything Olympic or Russian affiliated. Most notably, Russia is currently facing backlash for their recent restrictive LGBT legislation that passed in 2013.

Authorized just last year, Russia approved a statute that bans the distribution of any materials related to non-traditional relationships to minors (usually interpreted as same-sexed relationships). Since passing of this legis-

lation, gay rights activists have been under fire, or even arrested. A string of hate crimes motivated by homophobia have occurred in Russia as well. Furthermore, subsequent laws have since been passed contributing to an ambivalence that is not LGBTQI friendly, such as a law prohibiting Moscow from holding gay pride parades for one hundred years. There's a queer feeling about this situation.

Being under strict scrutiny from the other 87 participating countries, as well as the rest of the world, Russia surely cannot just skate by its human rights negligence. Countries around the world are Russian to criticize the



Jonelle Coutinho
Voice Columnist

country in a multitude of ways. Most notably, Germany donned rainbow uniforms. Canada, also not playing gaymes when it comes to human rights, released an ad advocating that the Olympic games have "always been a little gay," through a public interest agency. Even singular Olympians are taking what jabs they can

at Russia, such as Cheryl Maas, an openly gay Dutch snowboarder, who flashed a rainbow glove at a camera after her run.

Various private entities and persons within the US have come out of the proverbial closet to condemn Russia's conservative laws. Google, for example, recently recreated their logo to feature Olympians against a rainbow backdrop. AT&T, being straightforward, in comparison, released a press statement plainly saying that they "stand against Russia's anti-L.G.B.T. law."

The United States officially sent its message regarding their feeling toward Russia's policies

with the US delegation. Particularly interesting is the fact that the president and vice president are both absent from the delegation, for the first time since 2000. Included in the delegation, however, are three openly gay athletes. This particular delegation sent to the Olympics has been noted by most in the beltway media as a representation of values of the United States: diversity, acceptance, and freedom.

While this may be the official US stance, one must consider what the US has actually accomplished for its LGBTQI population.

Gay rights in the United States were disseminated with the Stone-

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The Seventh Side

Your weekly dose of satire

Dear lovers of arbitrary and ultimately meaningless physical challenges,

Sochi is onward and those shiny pieces of metal are being given away, where they will be safely kept in the Russian nuclear bunkers until after they pass their sexual orientation examinations, as administered by Putin himself. They are usually well-watched and this time shouldn't be any different. Although the dorms are worse in Sochi, (even worse than [that one dorm everyone thinks is the worst], we can still get into the spirit

(or socialized forced reaction over ultimately meaningless national pride) of the games.

In keeping with that spirit, here at Westfield we have been getting our own cold weather and various forms of solid water, so I would like to suggest a few events that could possibly be staged here based on the regular activities in winter. I'm still a little unsure on the names and I don't want to infringe on any copyrights, so we can call these the "Winter Westfield Super Happy Fun Games of Irrelevancy and Political Pandering."

Sind T. Zelony
Not an A&E Editor

Here are some of the events I was thinking of:

1) The participants will all have to wait for the shuttle to get to South Lot. The person who can go the longest without giving up and walking is the winner. We won't tell the athletes this, but the shuttle will actually be parked around the corner. It will never come for them. Ever. No matter how much they beg.

2) The competitor's car is placed under a five

foot tall block of snow. Gold will go to the person who can get their car out the fastest using nothing but their hands and a garden trowel. There will be several divisions based on truck, SUV, and compact car. Priuses are disqualified from the competition.

3) A timed run to see who can get from Horace Mann to the top floor of Ely. Ten second penalty for each alarm tripped and each person shoved into a snowbank recklessly.

4) A competition to see who can get the most parking tickets for different violations of the snow

emergency rules within a 72 hour period. In the event of a tie, the first tickets place precedence. The medal winners can opt to have their medals melted down into base metals to be sold for the purpose of fine payments.

Needless to say, I hope we have a new tradition at hand here.

Yours only in your own mind,

Sind T. Zelony

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Group Process Day is a great way for RAs and RDs to learn candidates

Kylie Isenberg
Voice Reporter

When applying to be a Resident Assistant or an Orientation Leader, numerous qualities are observed. The position requires an outgoing, creative, friendly, and diverse staff. Group Process Day is a great way for the returning RA's and the RD's to get to know the candidates as well as welcome them to a new life experience.

Group Process Day involves several challenging tasks in which all the candidates must work together. There were two activities where we had to come to a mutual consensus over

various situations about prioritizing and picking candidates.

The first activity included a list of ten different tasks an RA will face at some point throughout their experience. We had to talk amongst ourselves to get everyone to agree. One of the scenarios was that a resident placed a note under the RA's door saying, "Need to talk." As a group we had to rank it on a scale of one to ten of how important this issue was.

The second activity was very similar, but instead we had to choose eight out of twelve candidates that would make for a good RA. These activities were a

little frustrating since everyone had to come to an agreement, but overall it was fun. We got to know our peers very well and had the chance to voice our opinions.

We did another activity, which entailed creating an event. It might seem easy, but when there is a budget and a learning objective involved, it starts to get tricky. RA's must host three events per semester, keeping in mind a set budget.

Also each event must have some sort of learning objective behind it. My group was given balloons for an object, a twenty-dollar budget, and leadership for a learning objective. At

first it was challenging, but once everyone stated his or her ideas it started to piece together.

We decided to do a balloon maze in which one person would be blindfolded while another guided them. This demonstrated leadership since the person who was blindfolded had to trust their guide. We stayed within our budget since the only supplies we needed were balloons, tape and string.

The last activity we did consisted of recreating an image after viewing it for a few seconds. The first candidate viewed the image for five seconds while the second viewed it for ten

seconds, both in black and white. The third and fourth candidates viewed it for ten seconds each in color.

After that we could view it for fifteen seconds and take notes. It was hard to reconstruct the image since the person who viewed it could not touch the object; they simply had to describe it to their peers. This activity was meant to demonstrate how it feels to rely on someone else for information.

Overall, I was nervous for the group process but it was a fun and educational experience. The best advice for Group Process Day is to simply be yourself. Everyone else is already taken.

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Top 10 Singles

1. Katy Perry ft. Juicy J - Dark Horse
2. Beyonce ft. Jay-Z - Drunk In Love
3. Pitbull ft. Ke\$ha - Timber
4. Jason Derulo ft. 2 Chainz - Talk Dirty
5. OneRepublic - Counting Stars
6. Passenger - Let Her Go
7. A Great Big World - Say Something
8. Pharrell Williams - Happy
9. Lorde - Royals
10. Lorde - Team

Top 5 Albums

1. Frozen Movie Soundtrack
2. Pure Heroine - Lorde
3. Restoring Force - Of Mice & Men
4. Beyonce - Beyonce
5. Thrive - Casting Crowns

Top 5 Movies

1. The LEGO Movie
2. The Monuments Men
3. Ride Along
4. Frozen
5. Lone Survivor

Upcoming DVDs

1. Gravity
2. Nebraska
3. Adventures of the Penguin King
4. Afternoon Delight
5. Contracted

Dave & Ethan show held at Dever Stage



PHOTO BY JEFFREY HILSON

The Dave & Ethan comedy show recently came to Westfield and students say it was a success.

Lydia Grossi
Voice Reporter

This past Friday, February 7, 2014 I went and saw a comedy event presented by the campus activities board; Dave & Ethan: Dating Coaches, held in Dever Auditorium at 7:30 pm. Arriving at 7:10, I waited for the doors to the auditorium to open, expecting a great show.

I have seen this comedy duo before, so I knew it was going to be a rip-roaring show. Back when I was a freshmen I saw them near the then "Jazzman's Café," and I loved them as much then as I loved them this time around.

Both Dave and Ethan had a great stage presence, with a fairly large crowd sitting before them. Grabbing the second row, I sat with my senior friends, and laughed so much we were practically in tears.

The show started off with a slide show of a little taste of who they were, and how they got to be "Dave & Ethan." Being best friends, they created an Internet sensation by challenging pairs of women to double date them and recording the results for their YouTube viewers.

As the night went on, the dynamic partners made fun of students who go to Westfield in a very comical and playful way. At one point, they were pretending

to be two college girls walking around campus dressed in their usual "black north face, black leggings and Uggs."

The consistently funny impersonations of Mark at the DC not caring if you don't have an ID to swipe was mimicked, as well as making fun of the Courtney "pregnancy circle." Of course the ever popular topic of our President Dobelle was played out by them too. The part that was most appreciated was the involvement that they had with the audience. Knowing that we would appreciate the campus jokes made the night even better.

The two also showed how dynamic of performers they are by singing and playing guitar. They sang "jokingly" and used a lot of improvisation which was very impressive. The audience involvement included a student sharing their "first date" experience. One brave soul named Ashley was invited up onto the stage to tell her embarrassing story.

After she told the audience of her hysterical incident, both Dave & Ethan reenacted the scene on how Ashley's date went, and then later...how it should have went. Both scenes were priceless.

The night continued with a "dating game" with three lucky bachelors and
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Lyndon's Album Reviews

Go and get *The Outlaw*, and do it now!

Lyndon Seitz
A&E Editor

They've Shot Flanagan: *The Outlaw* – The first track, "Rhinoceros Feet," is large in scale and greatly successful in execution. It felt like it would never quit and I didn't want it to. The description I just gave of that song can be given to the entire album. The guitar is an absolute blast to listen to and it is actually a successful concept album, with a strong western flair and a great sense of the dramatic. This

is rock and roll today at its finest, and I'm glad to hear it. Go and get this album, and do it now.

The Thoughts: I *Won't Keep You Here* – There really isn't too much to say here. It is very, very light rock with high vocals and some piano (I don't know what else to call it). It's almost bothersome how bittersweetly saccharine it tries to get at times. Most of the time, it just makes you want to tune out to the music, which is basically the same throughout the entire album (certainly not a good thing in this case). I

can't see any reason to recommend this album to anyone.

TJ Courtney: Into the Sky – A hard rock EP that is nothing to phone home about. It has no standout songs on it and the EP itself has a unified sound but it doesn't really excel in that sound. Its strongest deterrent for me is its lack of originality. The only thing that happened while I was listening to it was repeatedly reminded of other artists that were better and easier to find. This is one that you can safely ignore in lieu of a much better album.

The Trouble with Temptation: I Wrote a Novel – Another acoustic EP with songs of the same type you've heard and ignored before. That being said, there is a novelty to the songwriting that makes things a little more interesting than usual. There is a hint of risk-taking that pays off well on the songs; the structure isn't what I'm used to. The vocals are average, and most everything else is average also. I'm not sure why you'd pick this one over every other acoustic album out there, but it might not be a bad choice.

White Rabbits: Milk Famous – This is an album that is very interesting in its own way. There were quite a few layers of music to decipher in the album, and I strongly suggest that if you get this album you listen to it more than once. That being said, the music itself and all of those layers come together quite well, and it is a very enjoyable listen, especially as an album. In particular, their sense of rhythm comes across the most on most of the tracks, and it's used well. Overall it's definitely worth checking out.

Despite high box office sales, *Anchorman 2* has mixed reviews

J.R. Nieb
Voice Reporter

On Dec. 18, 2013, *Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues* was released in theaters. Even though the film grossed \$167,934,265, it had mixed reviews.

"I thought that *Anchorman 2* was a fairly good movie," said Kevin Soucie, a senior and a communication major at Westfield

State University. "It was not as good as the first in my opinion." He also said, "There were certain parts of the movie that I really did get a good chuckle out of." "I liked seeing many of the characters that I saw from the first movie." However, he later stated, "I did not like how much time Brick Tamland had on screen," and "Most things said by Brick in the first movie were very funny. With the

second movie, it seemed too drawn out."

"The fight scene near the end of the movie seemed as though it was just name dropping with the amount of different people in the fight," said Soucie.

"The thing that I liked the most about the first *Anchorman* were the one-liners," said Soucie, continuing, "When my friends and I are together we like to quote one-liners from mov-

ies... and there were not as many as I thought from the second *Anchorman*."

"Though I was not a huge fan of the movie I do recommend seeing it," said Soucie. "I would personally wait until it comes out in Redbox to go and watch it."

"I invite everyone to see the movie for themselves so that they may create their own opinions," said Soucie later, however.

"I'm sure they would, but I don't know," said Actor Will Ferrell about a third *Anchorman* movie. "We just want to see what happens with this one and we'll sit down and assess all of that. Right now, we're just enjoying this journey."

"We'll see how this one goes," said Actor Steve Carrell. "And if people like it, maybe 10 years from now we'll do a third."

Rotten Tomatoes.com gave the film 75% based on 177 reviews.

"It's just as uneven and loosely structured as

the first *Anchorman*," said one reviewer from Rotten Tomatoes.com. "And while *Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues* may not be quite as quotable, it's nearly as funny as its predecessor."

"*Anchorman 2* joins *Caddyshack II*, *Airplane II*, *Breakin' 2: Electric Bogaloo* and *Arthur 2: On The Rocks* on the list of unnecessary sequels," said Joe Neumaier of the New York Daily News.

"One of the funniest movies of the year, and in its own loony way," said Richard Roeper, who gave the film four out of five stars. "It's a sharp, dead-on satire."

"The movie cleverly spoofs the 24-hour TV news cycle, as well as sexism and racism in the workplace," said Claudia Puig of USA Today, who gave the film three out of four stars. "Not every scene is equally funny, of course, but most of the comic antics generate laughs."

Knowing to Cook

Making a great cup of coffee

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

Many people I know prefer to have their coffee made for them, meaning they prefer standing in line and receiving a relatively mediocre cup of coffee. While there are many excellent coffee shops in America, for me, a home brewed cup of coffee is better than anything you could buy at a café, and I've had some amazing coffee at cafés.

The reason I enjoy making my own coffee is the same reason I enjoy cooking a meal: I get to make it. I get to put my own twist on coffee in the same way I put my own twist on recipes out of a cookbook.

I take my coffee black, which to me is the only proper way to drink it. Whenever I tell someone that I prefer my coffee

without anything mixed in, I am often given a look of surprise and slight disgust. "Why would you take it like that?" I am always asked. "It's so bitter and gross." I always reply: "That's just the way I like it."

In order to truly measure the greatness of a cup of coffee, I think one ought to try it plain. That way, if the coffee is terrible one can dilute it with as much sugar and milk as they'd like.

On the other hand, if the coffee is excellent just the way it is then I see no reason to add anything to it. Why drink coffee if you are going to put so much flavoring in it that it tastes like a weird milkshake? My point of view on coffee is not shared by many of my generation; I have to hop a few generations back to be met with a pat on the back when it comes to

coffee.

It is more economical to invest in a coffee maker, filters, and grounds than to buy two or three cups of coffee every day. Making coffee is not as difficult as one might think; it just requires concentration, patience, and a love of coffee.

The question I hear most often is: just how much coffee ground do I scoop into the filter? The answer depends on how strong you like your coffee. Since I like my coffee strong, I put upwards of seven to eight heaping scoops into the filter.

For those who prefer a more medium or lighter strength, I recommend about five to seven normal sizes scoops. However, you must also take into account just how much coffee you are making. If the entire pot is being filled, you will achieve a better lighter strength brew if you use

about eight big scoops because more water is being filtered through the grounds. The amount of coffee grounds you fill the filter is really just up to you.

Coffee is not for everyone, but like any other food or drink one should still respect the craftsmanship that goes into making coffee.

You can use coffee in a multitude of different dessert recipes and even in some dinner recipes. Or you can just sit back on a sunny weekend morning and enjoy a great cup of coffee.

Enjoy this original recipe for Apple Cider Donut-Coffee Bread Pudding! Buona Tavola!

APPLE CIDER DONUT & COFFEE BREAD PUDDING!

Ingredients:

6 Apple Cider Donuts

1 pot freshly brewed coffee

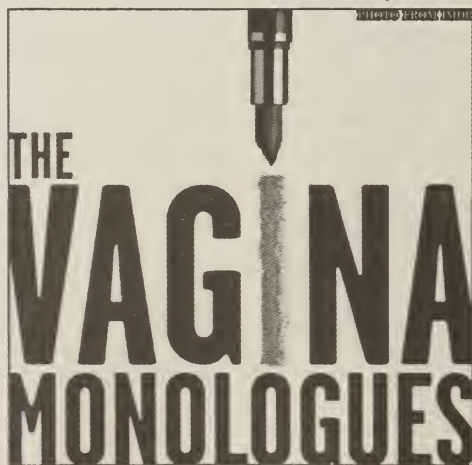
½ cup of milk
2 Tbs. brown sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.
2. Butter a large glass baking dish. Set aside.
3. Cube the Apple Cider Donuts and fill glass baking dish tightly.
4. Using a cup measurer, set aside one cup of coffee.
5. Pour the remainder of the coffee over the donuts.
6. Mix in ½ cup of milk, 2 Tbs. brown sugar, and the tsp. of cinnamon with the cup of coffee set aside.
7. Pour flavored coffee over the donuts.
8. Bake in the oven for 30-45 minutes.
9. Serve with ice cream.

WSU students to perform "The Vagina Monologues"

Proceeds to benefit local anti-violence organizations



From news release

Westfield State University students and faculty members will perform "The Vagina Monologues" on Friday, Feb. 21 and Saturday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Dever Stage.

"The Vagina Monologues" is an episodic play made up of varying numbers of monologues read by women. The monologues cover a range of topics including women's sexuality, the LGBTIQI experience, domestic and systematic abuse against women, women's health, as well as how women are viewed and interacted with on a soci-

etal level.

Each year there is a different spotlight monologue. For 2014, it is "Then We Were Jumping," which interweaves the pain of women with the play's author Eve Ensler's relationship with her father.

The play is directed by senior economics and business management major Melanie Lacroix. She said that the play helps both men and women think globally.

"I believe both men and women need to attend because whole communities have to view the themes addressed in the play," Lacroix said. "The play is bigger

than just Westfield State. It's bigger than the United States. It's a global campaign to stop the violence and it begins with educating the community, both men and women around the world, in order to spark change."

Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for the general public and can be purchased at the door. The proceeds from the show will go to the Westfield Women's Shelter and the V-Day Spotlight Campaign, which helps end violence against women by contributing money to existing anti-violence efforts. Dever Stage is located in Parenzo.

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Owls Sports

Ashton scores 1000th point

Jen Ashton sparks 12-10 Owls to win over Salem with milestone

WSU Athletic
Department

Junior guard Jen Ashton (Beverly) scored a team-high 23 points, including her 1,000th career point, and sparked a 14-0 run midway through the second half to lead Westfield State University to a 67-50 women's basketball victory over Salem State University on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Both teams are now 5-4 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference as Westfield avenged a 78-62 setback at Salem earlier this season. The Owls are 12-10 overall, the Vikings 10-12.

Led by Ashton, who also totaled nine rebounds, four assists, three blocks and two steals, the Owls played one of their best games this season. Westfield shot well from 3-point range (8 for 15), committed just 14 turnovers, and held Salem to 26 percent shooting from the field.

"Obviously making 8 of 15 threes helped a lot, and compared to the last game (vs. Salem) we did not turn the ball over as much," said Westfield head coach Andrea Bertini. "When we keep the turnovers below

15 that's the key for us."

Both teams struggled in the first half. The Owls took a 24-23 halftime lead after Ashton scored her 1,000th career point with 25 seconds remaining on a left wing jumper just inside the 3-point arc.

Ashton became the 12th women's basketball player and only third underclassman in school history to eclipse the grand number.

"Jen's a multi-dimensional player," said Bertini. "Seeing her get the 1,000th point was real nice."

Entering the game with 994 career points, Ashton added drama to the historic night as she made only 3 of 10 shots in the first half. After scoring her 1,000th point, she appeared more relaxed in the second half.

Ashton scored 17 second-half points in making 7 of 10 field goal attempts, including 3 of 4 from 3-point range, to spark Owl scoring runs of 14-0 and 22-4 that gave them a commanding 59-42 lead with 4:02 remaining.

"After scoring my 1,000th point in the first half I didn't worry about making shots in the second half. I just had to take open shots," said Ashton.

After six lead changes

and four ties, Westfield finally took the lead for good, 39-38, on an Ashton layup at the 10:32 mark. Five 3-point baskets, including two from Ashton, vaulted the Owls to a 56-40 lead at the 5:33 mark.

After shooting 28 percent from the field in the first half, the Owls shot 55 percent (16 for 29) in the final 20 minutes, including 6 for 9 from behind the arc.

Another key to the Westfield win was offensive balance. Sophomore guard Keri Doldoorian scored 13 points as she was the only other Owl in double figures. But freshman point guard Alyssa Darling of Palmer played one of her finest floor games this season with eight points and four assists. Freshman reserve guard Kirsy Segarra of Holyoke also scored eight points and sophomore center Forbasaw Nkamebo of Amherst had seven points and a game-high 14 rebounds.

Meanwhile, junior guard Rachael Carter and senior forward Ginny Fleming combined to score 42 of Salem's 50 points. Carter had a game-high 27 points and Fleming finished with 15 points and nine rebounds.



Jen Ashton was able to connect on a wing jumper to score the 1000th point of her career. As a junior, she has a real shot at the school record of 1526, set in 1998.

Westfield beats Bridgewater St. on Feb. 4



Grant Cooper has proved that he is one of the best players in the MASCAC conference and he has helped the Owls move into the drivers seat for the conference tournament.

Joe Meehan

Voice Reporter

Junior Captain Grant

Cooper scored 28 points and grabbed 18 rebounds to power the Westfield State men's basketball

team to a 75-67 win over conference rival Bridgewater State on February 4.

With the win, Westfield (12-8, 5-3 MASCAC) moved into a tie for second place in the conference

with Bridgewater (11-10, 5-3 MASCAC).

After an even first 15 minutes, a Tchujo Nkamebo put-back dunk helped Westfield gain momentum, as they scored 11 straight to take a 10-

point lead. That was his only basket of the game.

Bridgewater came quickly back, and Westfield eventually took a 38-32 lead into the half.

Both teams were hot from the field in the first half, with Bridgewater shooting 50% and Westfield shooting a shade under 55%.

In the second half, Cooper picked up right where he left off, penetrating the Bridgewater defense for baskets at the rim. He finished with 14 points in each half, with 11 of his rebounds coming in the second half.

Westfield did briefly surrender the lead midway through the half, falling behind by five, before Cooper, Carl Stewart (eight

points, 10 rebounds), and Robby Jones (16 points, 9-10 FT) helped the Owls regain control.

Westfield dominated the inside, outscoring Bridgewater 44-28 in the paint. This was aided by their 44 rebounds, including 17 on the offensive glass. Bridgewater had only 29 rebounds on the night.

Westfield continued conference play on Tuesday, February 11, at home against Salem State and will travel to Worcester State on Saturday, February 16, for a 3:00 P.M. tip-off. Cooper currently sits at 964 points for his career and will look to pass the 1,000 point threshold during this next few stretch of games.

Men's hockey hopes to finish season strong

Jon Rebmann

Voice Reporter

The Westfield State men's ice hockey team season is drawing to a close, with the MASCAC Tournament just around the corner. Unfortunately, as the tournament draws closer, the Owls have not had much luck generating wins in recent games.

The Owls have dropped 4 out of their last 6 games, in which their last win was a 5-1 victory over Worcester State on January 30. Their only other non-loss in that span was a 2-2 tie against Framingham State on February 6.

In the win against Worcester State, junior

TJ Powers scored three points (2 G, 1 A), including the go-ahead goal in the 2nd period, which secured the victory for the Owls. Junior Dan Loughlin also added two goals, while seniors Josh McCully and Taylor Murphy added two assists each. Senior goalie Eddie Davey also got 35 saves in the victory.

In the tie against Framingham State, who lost to Westfield in their previous matchup, freshman Jackson Leaf scored twice, once in the first period to take the lead and once in the third with 1:32 left in regulation. For his efforts, Leaf was named MASCAC Rookie of the Week.

The Owls struggled in the beginning of the season as well, losing their first four games to Western New England, Assumption, Curry, and Framingham State before getting their first win at Salem State. In the four losses, the Owls were outscored by a combined 13-8, but only lost to Assumption, Framingham State and Curry by one goal.

After those first four losses, though, the team picked up momentum by winning four of their next five games, only losing to Franklin Pierce 3-2 during the streak. In those games, the Owls outscored their opponents 25-16, including an impressive 6-2

rout over Worcester State in their first meeting of the season. The Owls then split the next four games.

With only four games left in the season, the Owls have a chance to get an even record this season, with three games at home against Salem State, UMass Dartmouth, and Plymouth State before facing Worcester State in Auburn, MA. In the conference standings, the Owls currently rank fourth in the MASCAC with a 7-6-1 conference record and 8-12-1 overall. Westfield State is also 5-4-0 at home this season (as opposed to 3-7-1 on the road) and 2-0 against Worcester State, outscoring them by a total

of 11-3 in both games.

The Owls play their final game of the regular season and arguably their toughest match left on the schedule against Plymouth State who beat Westfield State 6-4 and 6-2 in their two matchups this season. In the two games, Plymouth freshman Mike Economos scored 3 goals and added 2 assists, who seems to be the biggest threat for the Owls. The Panthers currently rank second in the conference standings with a 7-5-2 conference record and 9-10-2 overall.

Westfield State plays their next game at home against Fitchburg State on Saturday, Feb 15.

The Atlantic 10 conference is the most underrated of the 2013-14 season



PHOTO FROM YAHOO SPORTS

The Atlantic 10 conference has held its own in the NCAA tournament for the past few seasons. This year shapes to be no different. UMass and point guard Chaz Williams (above) were ranked for the first time this year since the Marcus Camby era and have a good shot at making the Sweet 16.

Jon Rebmann
Voice Reporter

The Atlantic 10 has to be one of the most underrated conferences in NCAA DI basketball. With the talent and competitiveness that each team brings to the table, it's always exciting to see which teams make it to the tournament and which ones fall just short.

And with the regular season drawing to a close, it's time to make some predictions.

At this point, Saint Louis is almost a sure lock to win the regular season title. With their only losses being to undefeated Wichita State and Wisconsin (when they were still undefeated), Saint Louis has still been a little under the radar.

Recently, though, they've overtaken UMass for the top spot in the conference and moved their way higher into the AP Poll standings (currently sitting at #13) on their way to a 16 game win streak (as of 2/9 no other teams in the A10 are on 3 game win streaks). Unfortunately, their schedule doesn't get any easier, with upcoming games against VCU and GWU to close out the regular season.

As long as Dwayne Evans (14.5 PPG, 6.3 RPG) and Jordair Jett (13.2 PPG, 4.0 RPG) continue their consistency, expect the Billikens to get somewhere between a 3 and 7 seed in the NCAA Tournament. But don't expect them to continue their win streak much past 20 games.

UMass has to be the big-

gest mystery in the Atlantic 10. They'll most likely make the Tourney, but where they'll go is the question. After starting off the season on a 16-1 run and only losing to Florida State, the Minutemen dropped 3 of their last 4 games against A10 opponents and have slipped out of the AP Poll.

Currently, they have a 19-4 record, including 6-3 in the A10, but after slipping from the top of the conference to 5th, you can't help but wonder what the future holds for them. If UMass wants to get a respectable seed, they need to win close games (all but one of their losses was by 5 points or less), and rely heavily on Chaz Williams, who leads the team in points with 16 and is currently second in the nation in assists per game with 7.4.

With tough games on the schedule against VCU and Saint Louis, the Minutemen need to redeem themselves and prove that they deserve a high seed. Otherwise, you can expect a 6 to 9 seed.

The sleeper of this conference, and my favorite to make the biggest impact as the regular season draws to a close, is George Washington University. While they have had few opportunities to prove their worth, they did beat Creighton on December 1. Their only bad loss this season is to Dayton on February 1 and they have managed to compile a 19-4 record, including 7-2 in the A10.

No one player stands out above the rest, but to be fair neither does the team as a whole. With upcoming games against VCU, Saint

Joseph's, and Saint Louis, the Colonials finally have the chance to show they can be legitimate contenders. You can expect them to make it in with a 10 or 11 seed, respectively.

As for the rest of the conference, VCU is a shoo-in as a likely 8 to 12 seed (depending on their A10 Tournament finish), and Saint Joseph's still has a slight chance, but only if they win the conference tournament. Otherwise, I wouldn't expect to see any other A10 teams during March Madness.

The A10 has been more competitive than ever this year, though, so be expected to see some major upsets, and maybe even a few surprises come the NCAA tournament. The Atlantic 10 Tournament starts on March 12 at 7:00 pm EST.

USA Hockey draws tough group play opponents in Sochi

Nic Odell

Voice Reporter

The 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, are underway, and all eyes will once again be on U.S. men's hockey.

Four years ago in Vancouver, the team lost to Canada in the Gold Medal Game, 3-2, in overtime. Forward Sidney Crosby knocked in the game-winning goal for the Canadians that earned them the gold medal on their home ice.

The U.S. took the silver medal, and left them thinking to themselves, "We were this close." Many U.S. fans

thought it was their gold medal to win, considering that the team tied it up at 2 with about 20 seconds remaining in the game.

U.S. men's hockey will practically have the same team from the Vancouver games, with a few additions. Forward Zach Parise took over as captain of the squad. Dan Bylsma, currently the head coach of the Pittsburgh Penguins, took over as head coach of the team on June 30, 2013.

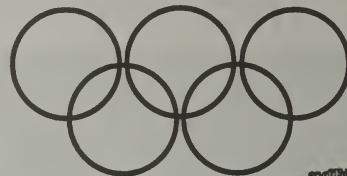
Ryan Miller, who was the tournament MVP in Vancouver 4 years ago, is expected to start in goal for the Americans as he did before, but Jonathan Quick, Los Angeles Kings goal-

tender and former UMass net-minder, may see some action. With talent on all positions, the United States men's hockey team is expected to make a deep run in the tournament.

The team is in Group A, which includes Slovakia, Slovenia, and the host country, Russia. Russia proves to be tough for the Americans, as they have one of the best scorers in the NHL, Alex Ovechkin, and other talented players.

If they make it past the round robin phase of the tournament, they may have to face the talented team of Sweden, or even Canada, which will prove to be a rematch for the ages.

Sochi Medal Count



Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
GERMANY	6	1	1	8
CANADA	4	4	2	10
NORWAY	4	3	5	12
NETHERLANDS	4	2	4	10
UNITED STATES	3	1	5	9
SWITZERLAND	3	0	1	4
RUSSIA	2	4	3	9
AUSTRIA	1	4	0	5
SLOVENIA	1	1	2	4
FRANCE	1	0	2	3
SOUTH KOREA	1	0	0	1
POLAND	1	0	0	1
SLOVAKIA	1	0	0	1
BELARUS	1	0	0	1
SWEDEN	0	3	1	4

Legacies of Brady, Manning will take different paths through history

Connor Swan

Voice Reporter

In the last 14 years, we as sports fans have been witnesses to this generation's answer to Magic-Bird, Frasier-Ali and Mantle-Mays in the form of two of the greatest quarterbacks of all-time: Tom Brady and Peyton Manning.

We were there in the beginning when Manning entered the league as the 1st pick of the 1998 draft, and thought nothing of the Patriots selecting Tom Brady with the 199th pick in the year 2000. We have seen every spectacular clash between them, their successes, their failures and now, at ages 38 and 37 respectively, we are witnessing the tail end of this epic rivalry.

That is what made this past season such an important one for both of these Canton bound legends. With one last career-defining season, the battle for this generation's greatest quarterback could be decided.

This season, Tom Brady was forced to go through an off-season no quarterback wants to endure with injuries and off-season departures. Peyton Manning entered this season with the best receiving core in the NFL, and his stats supported those numbers.

Whether as a result of his receivers inexperience or perhaps age related decline, this was statistically one of Brady's worst seasons as he threw for 25 touchdowns and 11 interceptions and a 61.09 Quarterback Rating (QBR), his worst since QBR

began to be calculated back in 2006.

Peyton Manning came roaring out of the gate heading a historic Denver Broncos offense. He led the Broncos to a record setting 606 points this season, as well as breaking the records for passing yardage and touchdowns in a single year. He also managed to lead the Broncos to an AFC best 13-3 record while seemingly grabbing control of the legacy title from Brady.

Of course, Peyton Manning is not referred to as the greatest regular season quarterback of all time without reason. His dominance in the regular season when the games matter the least has been well documented, however, so have his playoff failures.

His most recent col-

lapse in Super Bowl XLVIII against the Seahawks was one of the most one-sided Super Bowls of recent memory as the Broncos got man-handled 43-8 with Manning throwing two interceptions.

As a result Manning has now fallen to 1-2 in the Super Bowl and 11-12 in the playoffs, with eight first round playoff losses. As if that were not bad enough, those 12 playoff losses are an NFL record, greatly harming his legacy resume. Meanwhile Tom Brady boasts the opposite: a record 18 playoff victories and three Super Bowl rings to go along with them.

While Manning celebrates regular season success, Brady always seems to find a way to win when it matters most. Though he hasn't won a Super Bowl since 2004, Brady has man-

aged to lead a cast of lesser talent Patriot teams to eight AFC Title games in twelve years while Manning over that span has appeared in four.

As it stands, history should remember Tom Brady the better quarterback for the simple reason he wins when it counts. Manning may very well end up with all the records and regular season accolades but the best quarterbacks are not below .500% in the playoffs, they don't get eliminated in the first round eight times and most damning of all for Manning, they do not get blown out on football's biggest stage.

America is a society that favors the winners and as much as it stings for Peyton Manning, he's just not as good a winner as Tom Terrific.

Get Burked

Michael Sam is about to embark on a new journey, but not without support



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Michael Sam recently came out to the public as a gay man. He is expected to be drafted in the 4th round and will potentially become the first openly gay man in the NFL. His career seems blurry, but his heart and his courage will help him through any future adversity.

"Heroes get remembered, but legends never die." A quote from The Sandlot says all that there is to be said about Michael Sam. He is a hero to all people of today, and has cemented himself with the confines of NFL history forever.

Standing up for what you believe in or who you are can be a difficult thing. Standing alone is even harder. A support system in the form of a football team at Missouri helped Sam be comfortable in his own skin.

"I'm Michael Sam. I'm a college graduate. I'm African American, and I'm gay," he said in an interview with Outside the Lines.

Somewhere, sometime, in the future, a statement like this will not be news. It was inconceivable for African-American athletes to participate in professional sports only 60 years

ago, but no one takes any notice of that same concept today. The real question is why is it so different for gay athletes.

Revolutions are brought upon society by new generations of thinkers and minds. Whether it was the Civil Rights movement in the mid-1900s, protestors of the Vietnam War, or supporters of the LGBTQI movement today, young adults have led many of the transformations.

Michael Sam, Robbie Rogers of the MLS, and Jason Collins of the NBA have become the faces of the recent tolerance movement, and they have all willingly accepted that role.

Sam, a projected fourth round pick, was co-defensive player of the year for the SEC and unanimous All-American in 2013, helped lead Missouri to



Andrew Burke
Sports Editor

a 12 win season, an SEC East title, and a Cotton Bowl victory.

With these accolades, along with the courage and fortitude showed by Sam, it is not farfetched that he will make an impact on any team that selects him. However, after his announcement, he has dropped 90 spots in the draft prospects list and some anonymous sources have said that he will not be as accepted as some may think.

"I don't think football

is ready for [an openly gay player] just yet. In the coming decade or two, it's going to be acceptable, but at this point in time it's still a man's-man game," an NFL player personnel assistant said.

"Do you want to be the team to quote-unquote break the barrier?" an NFL scout said.

Those who make anonymous statements like these demonstrate cowardice in every sense of the word. When a player such as Sam is able to stand by himself as the only openly gay man in major American team sports and be proud of it, critics should stand behind their statements.

Kids in all facets of American society today are going through a similar situation that Sam has for his entire life and they should follow his example. Hopefully, there are litanies of

other kids who will admire the way the Sam's teammates and coaches handled this both in their initial reaction and patience.

Sam has stated that having to deal with his family's reaction would be more challenging than coming out publicly and that he was closer with his friends than his family.

His father in an interview with The New York Times said, "I'm old school. I'm a man-and-a-women type of guy."

Along with all other prospects, Sam is just hoping to be drafted and fulfill his dream that he has had since childhood. His path will be different but his goals are the same. The only difference is, there will be others following his footsteps from now on until there is one clear path of proud athletes and confident people.

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NSA after Obama has left a lot of issues unaddressed.

The Justice Department has stated that they will be seeking for the death penalty for "alleged" Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, which will be the highest-profile death penalty case since 1995! Tsarnaev (who has pleaded not guilty) has been charged with terrorism, killing 3 people and injuring more than 260 in April. The trial is set to be in November, however there is concern for the "safety" and due process for having the trial in the federal courts of Boston. There have been many threats of violence if Tsarnaev sets foot in Boston again, and I'm sure Boston will make good on their promises.

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areas, get jobs, and reduce social problems.

In a candidate, I am looking for someone who is interested in policies that will help develop these programs to trickle down into our local issues and resolve from the root of the problem. This should be an interesting

one.

I would also like to see someone who is looking for opportunities to amend and close our foreign disputes, including Guantanamo Bay.

I guess it is too early for me to say whom I am anticipating to win this election, but I am keeping an open mind.

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in New York City in 1969. Although gay rights in the US started from the bottom at 1969, now they're queer and at the forefront of our nation's mind. Nevertheless, the United States still has a long way to go. Despite the fact, they don't appear to be Stalin on the LGBTQI front; the US is still missing some key components of LGBTQI rights.

This may come as snow surprise to some of you, but a lot of current federal laws don't promote LGBTQI equality. For instance, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act "provides basic legal protection against employment discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion, national origin or disability, but not sexual orientation or

gender identity and gender expression." Along the same discriminatory lines, the Every Child Deserves a Family Act does not prohibit discrimination "against any potential foster or adoptive family on the basis of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status." And of course, one of the most obvious and apparent slights to LGBTQI rights federally has been the simple fact that marriage between people of the same sex is not legally recognized.

Of course, states may choose to empower LGBTQI individuals through their own legislature. That is the case in many liberal states, such as our queerly beloved Massachusetts.

This does beg the question, though: can the US preach such openness and support for LGBTQI individuals in the Olympics when they aren't so liberal in their own legislation? Perhaps the US isn't as restrictive toward its LGTBQI population, but they certainly haven't made many positive and progressive steps to further LGBTQI rights. Doing

nothing is not as detrimental as Russia's current legislation, but it isn't something to celebrate, as has been the case. The US is still positions behind the human rights front and not deserving of a gold medal for its treatment of LGBTQI persons.

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one bachelorette. The bachelorette asked the three guys questions, and answered her; later she would choose the one she wanted to "go on a date with."

The whole time, Dave & Ethan were extraordinarily witty and creative, in their hosting of the show.

The show of Dave & Ethan put on in the Dever auditorium was uproarious and an incredible performance.

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*Scores of Past Owls
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Ice Hockey at Framingham State T 2-2 OT

Saturday, February 8th
Ice Hockey at Salem State L 1-5

M/W Track at MIT Invitational (non-scoring meet)

Tuesday, February 11th
W Bball vs Salem State W 67-50

M Bball vs Salem State W 73-63

*Upcoming Owls
Athletics Events*

Thursday, February 14th
W Swimming vs New England Championships

Friday, February 15th
W Bball at Worcester State 1:00 p.m.

Ice Hockey vs Fitchburg State 5:35 p.m.

M Bball at Worcester State 3:00 p.m.

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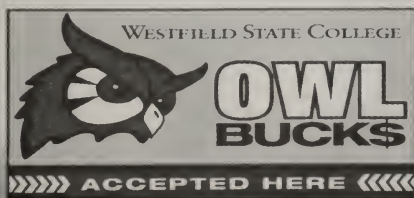
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Horoscopes Games & Maze

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

The choice is yours of what you want to be in this world, and only you can change your own direction. Also, choose your fast food carefully this week. It can make or break you for quite a while until it gets through your system.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

The rescue that you attempted of your long lost whatever that you attempted years ago will start to resurface in your life. You might just have a second chance with things. Try not to fail like you did the last time.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

Try to keep a notebook logging all of the amazing and wonderful things you do during this week. The notebook might fill up fast, so you might need a second notebook. Then look back and realize how wonderful you really are.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

You probably aren't going to be the lucky one if you enter the lottery, so it is better if you just stop trying that method of success. In fact, most luck based methods of self-improvement are not going to work for you, the stars are sorry to say.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

Are you a true believer in the powers of foresight the stars give you? Do you truly have faith? If so, then do not ask how the horoscopes fit within your life, but ask how you can make your life fit within the realms of the horoscopes better than before.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

The guardian you have will result in some interesting travels this week. If you don't like them, the stars suggest getting a replacement guardian that is more suited to your needs (it is possible, but the stars

aren't exactly certain how).

Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

You are going to go on a walk to remember for the rest of your days, if only because of how peaceful and serene it will be. Now take the serenity, internalize it, and turn it into an unceasing industriousness that puts you ahead in life.

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

A bend in the road will take you to an unexpected place in your financial life, and the resulting problems and opportunities will be interesting in that you will never be able to foresee them. Instead, try to adapt to your surroundings.

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

You are perhaps going to take what will feel like the longest ride of your life. The strain might make you slightly depressed for a short while but try not to worry, because wherever you are traveling it will absolutely be worth it.

Capricorn

(December 22 - January 20)

You may find yourself sending out a message in a bottle of sorts. You might be trapped, but trust that the currents will send you help when you most need it.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

The wedding you next attend will be an exercise in insanity, and you will either love it or hate it. Either way, try to get through unscathed and not get any cake on your clothes.

Pisces

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

The last song you heard on the radio will have a significant meaning for you this week. It may give the inspiration or emotion needed to get through. Isn't that what really matters?

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2/20	3 pm	Banacos Study Skills—Time Management	Banacos Center
2/20	4:30 pm	Study Abroad Fair	Loughman Liv. Rm
2/20	5:30 pm	Students vs. Food Eating Contest	Dining Commons
2/20	7:30 pm	Hockey vs. UMASS Dartmouth w/ shuttles	Amelia Park
2/20-22	8 pm	STA's All Clear Production also 2:30 2/22	Ely Studio Theatre
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2/21-23	8 pm	Hunger Games: Catching Fire (2 pm 2/22-23)	Owl's Nest
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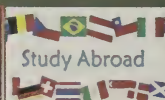
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University uninterested in Dobelle's offer for a settlement says spokesperson

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Dr. Evan S. Dobelle, who retired last November amidst an administrative leave following allegations of misused finances, unsuccessfully sought a settlement with Westfield State University.

Ross Garber, Dobelle's lawyer, suggested both sides should hire an impartial mediator who would review the disputed issues and then make a recommendation on a settlement. If it got to that point, then both the university and Dobelle decide whether to settle.

Garber pointed out that a more "low cost, more efficient" resolution to the state and federal lawsuits filed by Dobelle to reduce the costs on students and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

He also commented that the multiple investigations into Dobelle's actions will most likely cost more than the legal fees themselves. This week, lawyer Ross H. Garber noted how the university has already accumulated about \$1.2 million in legal fees from lawyers and apparently responsible for paying for his client's expenses as well.

Garber wrote, "Dr. Dobelle's legal fees ... while nowhere near the amount incurred by

TIMELINE OF SCANDAL

July 2013 - News breaks of Trustees' audit on Evan Dobelle spending

August 29, 2013 - O'Connor & Drew report released

September 2013 - Commissioner of Higher Education Richard Freeland freezes funding for new science annex; suggests Dobelle should resign

October 16, 2013 - Dobelle placed on administrative leave, Liz Preston becomes acting president

November 8, 2013 - Dobelle retires from presidency, alleges that the administrative leave is a breach of contract, Preston becomes interim president

November 2013 - Dobelle files lawsuits against university, trustees, and the Commonwealth

February 2014 - Dobelle offers settlement which university refuses

the university, are still substantial."

Molly Watson, Westfield State University spokesperson said, "The University has informed the office of the Attorney General that it is not interested in a settlement at this time."

Last Thursday, the Board of Trustees were planning on approving a motion to use university reserves to pay off the current legal fees the school has acquired since the break of this



PHOTO BY JAVIERROBACK/THE REPUBLICAN

Evan S. Dobelle has been at the center of a controversy surrounding university finances during his tenure as president. He alleges that while record keeping was sub par, he is not at fault.

scandal. Westfield State University has incurred upwards of \$1.1 million in legal fees.

Due to the snowstorm, the meeting has been moved to March 3.

According to the meeting agenda sent by interim president Elizabeth Preston, the board will be looking into transferring the funds from the reserve account, funding for the new science building, an update on the budget process for fiscal year 2015, and an update on finance and procedures.

The university is currently in the process of requesting funds from the Commonwealth to pay off part of the legal fees that have been accumulated in the past few months.

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News from other schools

The Daily Collegian, *U OF MASS., AMHERST*

A fund to support the Five College Consortium was recently established in honor of Jackie Pritzen, a recently deceased, longtime member of the administration.

The Harvard Crimson, *HARVARD UNIVERSITY*

The Undergraduate Council at Harvard welcomed eleven new representatives and two new social czars on Monday, Feb. 17. They discussed the new honor code as well as gender-neutral housing.

The Daily Campus, *UNIV. OF CONNECTICUT*

An employee of the University of Connecticut was arrested last week and charged with disorderly conduct. He allegedly made threatening comments to another staff member.

The Daily Orange, *SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY*

Committees are currently accepting suggestions for the 2015 commencement speaker. A name has not been released for the 2014 ceremony, although the selection process is ongoing.

Joshua Clark *Editor-in-Chief*

The campus' subscription to The Republican and The Westfield News costs nothing for the university, says Dean of Students Sue Lamontagne. Confirmed by Vice President of Student Affairs Carlton Pickron, the copies are dropped off by the respective newspaper companies.

The Republican, which is dropped off in every residence hall and the Ely Campus Center, is offered as a free service so that students can begin reading a newspaper and carry the habit to a future life. The Westfield News is only available at the Scanlon-side entrance to the Dining Commons. This particular newspaper is printed in the early afternoon.

USA Today and The New York Times used to be offered here, but on a trial basis. Those newspapers paid for the subscriptions in order to entice students to subscribe. According to Student Government Association advisor Barbara Hand, students did like reading The New York Times,

but once the newspapers were pulled off the newsstands, students did not continue to pursue the subscription.

A soft survey conducted by The Westfield Voice has indicated that students are not picking up the newspapers in large numbers.

About the same amount of issues are in the rack in the evening as are in the morning. The free on-campus newspaper program can prove to be costly for some universities.

As reported in Tuesday's issue of The Daily Orange, the Student Association at Syracuse University uses \$40,000 of their \$88,000 budget to pay for half of the program that brings free copies of USA Today and The New York Times to campus.

The remainder of the tab is picked up by their Division of Student Affairs.

The only rack that contains The Republican on the Westfield State University campus that seems to be consistently empty is in the first floor of the Ely Campus Center.



(Above) One of the newspaper stands in the back of the library. The Republican, The Westfield Voice, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, and The Boston Globe, among others are available here.



(Left) The Republican sits on a newsstand in the Campus Center. This is the only newsstand to consistently run out of the copies.

Students present tales of study abroad experience at welcome back reception



Lydia Grossi
Voice Reporter

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014 a welcome back reception for the many returning students who participated in National Student Exchange, Study Abroad, and Short-Term study abroad courses, was held in the Scanlon banquet room from 4:30-6:30.

Westfield has many opportunities for students who want to study abroad, or be a part of the national student exchange programs. The purpose of international programs is to offer opportunities to those who wish to grow from academic experiences that could not be recreated in the classroom. Many stories were very life changing. The amount of shared excitement was spread through many of the students who had wonderful stories to tell.

Some of the different places many of Westfield's students went to were the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Nepal, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua. Each student had a different

perspective on how their participation in these programs affected them. During the reception, each group of students talked and showed posters, maps, or PowerPoint slides.

The two students who presented about their semester at the University of Hawaii at Manoa had a great time; visiting some places such as Waimea Falls, China Walls, and the Big Island. Their description of having Thanksgiving at Manoa Falls gave others a feel for what they experienced and how it was so much different than being home.

There was also a group of eight students who traveled to Nepal. Unfortunately, none of the students were able to make it to the reception. However, the Faculty Leader presented on their trekking course and their adventures, including hiking/climbing mountains, exploring the wildlife, seeing a different culture, and many breathtaking views.

The students who ventured to Costa Rica in an Environmental Science

course shared their sights of unique animals such as sloths, bats, coral snakes, leatherback turtles, toucans and more.

Lastly, the students who attended the Nicaragua service course shared many of the impacting deeds they pursued while they were there. In going to Nicaragua, the students built a classroom for a school for the less fortunate children of the village they were in. There were five leaders on the trip; each held a specific role. Some of these roles included making lesson plans for the students, health and safety checks, fundraising, and providing a group journal that recorded what each student did every day. The explanation of what they did every day to provide a community with a place to teach kids was truly inspirational.

Each and every story had an impacting message making those who wish to learn more, experience new cultures, make new friends, and find new personal growth consider to study abroad!

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Hip-Hop Congress sparks second lengthy debate regarding a finance proposal during Tuesday's Student Gov't meeting

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SGA Correspondent

After an anticipated long weekend, the Student Government Association met to address usual campus wide business in their meeting last Tuesday.

Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, greeted everyone and hoped all the members had a good long weekend as well as the snow days. Fote called attention to the email that was sent out too all students from Dr. Elizabeth Hall Preston, interim president, about the 175th celebration at Westfield State.

As a celebration of Westfield State's 175 anniversary, students are highly encouraged to print out the anniversary logo from the email and take a picture with it. The photo can take place on campus, at a student's home, or even at public area. The idea is to create a gallery of images that reflects our views of Westfield State. Any student, alumni, faculty, staff, family and friends, can take part in it.

When the madam president was finished, Stone Koury, student trustee, gave a brief report regarding the Board of Trustees meeting. He said the board's meeting last Thursday was canceled due to the snowstorm; the meeting is now rescheduled for March 3 at 6 p.m.

in the Horace Mann Center.

Tom Durkee, chair of the Food Services Committee, gave an informative report on the activities of the Food Committee. He said the steak dinner, held in the Dining Commons at 8 p.m. last Thursday, was mildly successful thanks to the snow day. Eighteen people, out of a possible 75, came to the dinner event.

More of the special dinners will be held in the Dining Common this and next year. Durkee says it is part of a new corporate strategy from Sodexo. The "Dish on the DC: Q&A Forum" will be held on Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Owl's Nest.

Students can ask questions and debunk, or confirm, rumors with the Sodexo officials who run the Dining Commons. Durkee is very excited about the event and said the committee "wants to educate the campus on what goes on in the DC." Dunkin' Donuts will be providing coffee and donuts for the event.

Kevin Soucie, representative for the class of 2014, reported that annual blood drive was a success; however, the drive did not get as much blood as they hoped for.

A total of 107 pints of blood were raised, which could help out 321 people who need blood.

Andrew McCormack, vice president of academic

life, gave a reminder that there is one week left to participate in the Ely Library student survey, which ends on Feb. 26.

Joshua Frank, vice president of finance, brought two finance proposals to the SGA. The first was for the Exercise Science Club, which was looking for funds to partially cover the registration fee for the "Olympic Lifting Certification" workshop. Frank motioned to allocate \$800 to the club, which passed unanimously by the SGA.

The next and long-debated finance proposal came from the Hip-Hop Congress Club that asked for \$800 to cover the cost of DJ Tony Crush. The DJ has used his music in the Stop the Violence campaign as well as Hip-Hop Against Hunger.

The event will focus on Hip-Hop history, music, educational community development, and Hip-Hop political issues. The event is open to all who are interested and it begins early April.

Before the SGA could vote on the motion to give the club money, Steve Mailloux, representative-at-large, asked why the Hip-Hop Congress has not attempted to fundraise for their club. Frank directed the question to club president Maurice Taylor who answered saying that the university would not look well upon some of their events and therefore fund-

raising would not work.

He continued to say, "We had many events on the campus and have not asked for a dime over the last couple of years."

Mailloux readdressed and said, "Are you to say that it would be impossible for you to have fund-raised? We see a lot of clubs on this campus go to lengths to do different types of fundraisers."

Taylor answered that the concerts they put on would require money that a fundraiser wouldn't be able to cover.

Lauren Grams, president of the class of 2017, asked how many people are in the club and Taylor replied that ten people are involved.

Luis Arzola, president of the commuter council, added that the club is mostly made up of commuters, which make it hard for them to fundraise on campus because they are not at Westfield for a whole day.

Joshua Clark, representative-at-large, asked if Taylor knew how many people were interested in coming to the event. Taylor said that he doesn't know and believes there is no real way to find out. However, he did say he thinks that around thirty people or more will come.

Tom Durkee motioned to send the proposal back to the Finance Committee on the basis that the club needs to plan out the event more before the

proper funds can be given to them.

Mailloux also gave a piece of advice to Taylor, saying that possibly going to the Music Department could help get more support from students and also help get more attention for the event. Victoria Landry, representative of the class of 2015, also had the same idea for Taylor.

Taylor said that he did go to the Music Department to ask about the event. "The way it was answered by the department was like, 'Hip-Hop is not recognized as good music,' so I am not going to continue to knock on the same door."

Rebecca DiVico, vice president of student life, said that she would feel more comfortable if there was a greater interest in the event before voting to allocate the money, and agreed with Durkee's motion.

The motion to send the back the proposal to the Finance Committee did not pass. The main motion to allocate the \$800 did pass, but far from a unanimous decision.

After an interesting meeting, the SGA adjourned and they await their meeting next week.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be on Feb. 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

Marijuana bombards the headlines this winter

Tyler Leahy
Voice Contributor

With marijuana the cause of fiery debate all across America, recent headlines have catalyzed a further push for legislation enabling use of the drug. While marijuana use remains illegal by federal law, it appears that America's "War on Weed" is like a wick, burning slowly but surely—heading towards a conceivable disappearance sometime in the distant future.

In a January interview with The New Yorker, President Obama spoke of his marijuana use during his youth, favorably likening the drug to alcohol. When it comes to policy, however, President Obama has tip-toed away from the spotlight, retorting in a January interview with CNN "What is and isn't a Schedule I narcotic is a job for Congress."

The future may not be near, as much of senate sternly opposes any change in the federal stance on the drug. However, on Feb. 11, a bipartisan group of eighteen congressmen wrote President Barack Obama a letter urging to reschedule marijuana, a schedule one drug. The group bided that schedule I classification "makes no sense."

President Obama may have denounced marijuana rescheduling in his interview with CNN as a matter exclusively for the Senate to

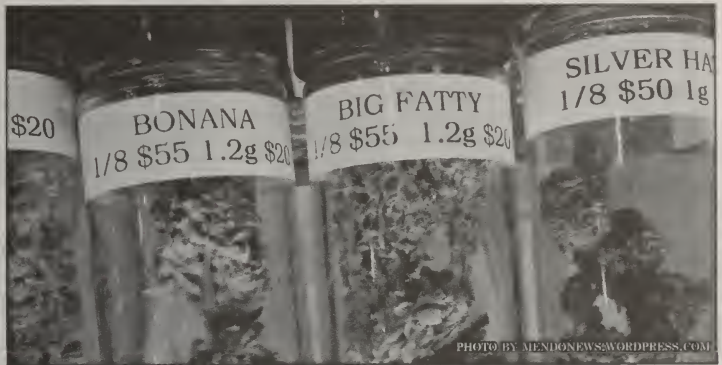
handle, but this is not entirely true. Representative Earl Blumanauer (D-Ore.), who drafted the letter, and his cast of seventeen other House of Representatives members have pointed out that Attorney General Eric Holder could reschedule the drug.

In February, national news has been dominated by more marijuana-related headlines. On Tuesday, The New York Times published an article about marijuana in relation to the sobriety test. Recent scientific studies have found that driving under the influence of marijuana may be as much as eighteen times safer than driving while at the legal limit of blood alcohol content, which is .08 percent.

Marijuana use has also proven to cause headaches for law enforcement. A published 2012 study found that only 30 percent of those under the influence of marijuana fail the field sobriety test, in comparison to an overwhelming 88 percent of drunk drivers that fail the test.

Research suggests that someone under the influence of THC (the active ingredient in marijuana) is twice as likely to be in an accident in comparison to a sober driver. While this is concerning, it is meager compared to driving while at the legal limit for drinking; chances of an accident increase twenty-fold with a .08 percent BAC.

For this reason, sci-



Medical marijuana has been in the headlines over the past few months. Eight states have both legalized medical marijuana and removed jail time for possession of small amounts. Eighteen states in total have medical marijuana laws of some sort.

entists and U.S. citizen alike are pleading that marijuana be removed from any DUI jurisdiction. "I'm not saying marijuana is safe, but to me it's clear that lowering the B.A.C. should be our top priority. That policy would save more lives," Mark A.R. Kleiman, UCLA professor of public policy told The Times.

Veterans across the country are also arguing for their own medical marijuana use. Recent studies have linked marijuana as a worthy treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in veterans. Since, groups such as Veterans for Medical Cannabis Access, Veterans for Weed United, and Veterans and Civilians for Cannabis Legalization have formed in hopes of medical use to treat PTSD, depression, and chronic pain. Currently, veterans are pushing heavily for medical mari-

juana bills to pass in Oregon and in New York, allowing treatment for their PTSD.

As stated by Jose Garza at a state Senate hearing in Oregon: "I'm not a hippie. I'm not a stoner. I'm not a criminal. I'm a United States veteran, and this is what saved my life." The hearing was held to argue for the addition of PTSD to conditions treatable by medical marijuana in Oregon. While many states have medical marijuana policies, many do not currently account for PTSD.

A January national survey by CBS News found that 51% of Americans approve of marijuana legalization, a number that has grown from 45% in April 2013. The study found that the only age group that opposes legalization is those 65 and older.

Americans who are Republicans or identify as conservatives both

sport a 61% opposition to legalization. Democrats (59 percent) and those who identify as independents (54 percent), liberals (72 percent), and moderates (54 percent), all support legalizing marijuana use. An overpowering 86% of Americans think doctors should be allowed to prescribe marijuana for medical use for serious illness.

With an abundance of new marijuana political jabber cropping up every day, what does it all mean? Well, it means two things.

Firstly, it means the rate at which more states create marijuana legislation will either charge on with more haste than ever, or at least continue at the same rate. Colorado and Washington are

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From 'The Voice' Vault

assembled by Matthew Carlin, assistant managing editor

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Lack of competition highlights annual SGA elections

Justin McCauley
Staff Reporter

There will be some new names and faces representing the student body next fall for the Student Government Association. Some of the most significant changes will take place on SGA's executive board.

The elections took place last Tuesday and Wednesday. The votes were still cast and tallied despite the shortage of candidates and lack of voters.

Competition was extremely scarce especially in the ballot for the class of 2000. Only three students ran for a position in the entire sophomore class. There were no candidates on the ballot for the position of president of the class of 2000.

"I'm concerned about the number of names on the class ballots," said current SGA President Nicole Sisson. "It's too bad that there can't be somewhat healthy competition".

While some of the senator positions are still vacant, the executive board is already complete. Two of the current members of the executive board will return next semester. Sophomore Erik Bristow was re-elected and will return to his position as treasurer of SGA.

The other returning member of the executive board will be junior Alison Leary. Leary, currently the vice president of student life, was elected as the next president of SGA. Leary will be taking over for graduating senior Nicole Sisson.

"I'm nervous about taking over but I think that Nicole Sisson has cleared a good pathway for me," said Leary.

Freshman Chad Abdo was elected to fill the position of vice president of student life. Abdo currently serves as the president of Dickinson Hall. Abdo feels comfortable about accepting the responsibilities that go along with being on the executive board.

"I plan to continue to keep an open line of communication between res life and student government," Abdo said.

Abdo is not the only new face that will be joining the executive board next fall. Allan Peterson will be the vice president of finance, Jocelyn Gregory will be the executive secretary, Lisa Neary



-Photo by Justin McCauley

Senior Mark Gteftas helps collect votes during last week's SGA elections.

will take over as secretary of the legislature, Orlando Lassalle will assume the position of student trustee and Liz Patonay will be the vice president of programming.

Patonay is excited about starting her new

job next fall. She is also a little nervous about taking over for senior Amy Cashman.

"I'm very excited but also very nervous because Amy has done such a phenomenal job," Patonay said.

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Scanlon and Dickinson Halls face restrictions after damage charges

Megan Bishop
Voice Reporter

Scanlon Hall and Dickinson Hall on Westfield's campus were put on level five of Residential Life's Community Response Plan as soon as the Spring 2012 Semester began.

This designation meant 24-hour quiet hours and no guests (student or non-student) for an indefinite period of time.

Those restrictions were lifted a little over a week later

on Feb. 1st, but students had lovingly nicknamed the situation a lockdown while in was in place.

Originally, students had been told that when the past semester ended, the building would start back at zero. That is zero charges so no levels.

After certain developments and damages in Scanlon and Dickinson, they were forced to change this policy.

What about those students who did not live in these buildings last semester? They

just had to endure what their classmates caused.

There was no way the damage from the end of the semester could be let go without consequence.

The students in those buildings said they were pretty upset when they found out about this.

They talked about how unfair it all was, posting a lot of different updates on the situation on Facebook.

"It almost seems like their blaming the RAs for doing their

jobs," Amanda Morse, resident assistant in Courtney Hall said.

"We are just doing what we're told to do. It's part of our job. If these students blaming us were in our roles, they would be doing the exact same thing."

After looking at a lot of these status updates, Morse commented, "These students are mad when they have consequences for other's actions. Easy solution: Call them out. Turn them in. If you don't want to pay for what other students are doing, then stop it from hap-

pening."

This is the goal for Residential Life. They were hoping that students would learn accountability with this plan. In the past, they have said it is working. They're hoping it continues to work and gets better.

Joshua Hettrick, Westfield's Assistant Director for Housing, said that Dickinson had no problems over this past weekend, the first weekend of the semester. He added however that there were further damages in Scanlon.

Opinions & Editorials

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RACE RUGH, Editor

Humans, our brains, and our Earth: A rant about our stuff

Could our evolving of such a 'high' intelligence be the worst possible thing to happen to Homo sapiens? Over time we've experienced seemingly beneficial mutations that favored the growth of our brains.

The expansion of our brain along with the necessary intelligence it took to survive past situations has led us to where we are now. But, since we have such high intelligence we can think of things that 'ordinary' intelligence cannot (dogs, cats, raccoons, mice, etc.).

For instance, we have nuclear bombs which could easily destroy not just all human life, but everything else living on the surface of the Earth. Surely with the severe radiation that such a bomb would cause we would see the death of any surface-breaching marine life as well.

This catastrophic loss of life would, as far as I am aware, lead to the death of most other sea animals. Possibly some would be able to sustain: specifically life at the bottom of the oceans.

We constantly pump gasses into our atmosphere with these 'intelligently designed' creations of ours. Some of us want to try to

slow this pernicious process down, but unfortunately some people just don't regard the facts of it happening as relevant (I will return to that later).

As I was saying, these types of destructive inventions, along with our willing ignorance of their effects, could inevitably lead to the extinction of our species. Oh, how the bottom-dwellers would be laughing at us.

A salient product of our deleterious evolutionary intelligence is organized religion. We have evolved the capacity to create institutions that we hold so sacred; their fundamentalist members feel there is no room for other sections of these types of institutions.

We need not think too deeply to realize that these institutions are not the most innocuous products of our intelligence. We use myriad 'sacred' books—in languages which are just products of our evolved minds—as justifications for insensible violence.

We use them to justify how we view and treat the Earth. This is what I mean when I say that our high level of intelligence may be the worst possible thing to happen to us. Now, I don't mean to sound entirely lu-



Race Rugh
Op-Ed Editor

gubrious, and I certainly don't mean to say religion is the worst product of our minds. It's just that we have created these institutions of thought, which seem to only be able to last so long, and we aren't willing to update ourselves.

If we are stuck on this Stone Age philosophy 1,000 years from now, well, then we probably won't actually be around to be stuck on it. People who hold dearly (and literally) to these ways of thinking are holding our specie's progress back.

I believe it is time to move on to more productive thought, and discover the true beauty of life in the present, and think more progressively about the future as a truly united species.

So, we have these brains, which are so highly developed, we can use them for progressive thinking, correct? I believe we are

capable of the type of progressive thinking that is necessary to put a stop to this evolutionary roadblock we've seemed to hit.

As one of my intellectual heroes, Christopher Hitchens, put it, "We need a new enlightenment." We need something to pull us out of this hole we have dug ourselves. This brain-trapping, anti-intellectual, anti-progressive, anti-humanistic roadblock that will most certainly affect our future generations.

Here's some quick thoughts I had on the preservation of the Earth. First, stop it with the cutting down of trees. We need those. Here's a basic sixth grade science lesson for the climate change deniers out there:

We have trees here on Earth, they soak up carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the air, and they then release oxygen. The trees literally provide us with our most basic necessity for life; they allow us to breathe.

What happens when you cut the trees down, and pump more CO₂ into the atmosphere (with creations from our evolved intelligence)? Well, what is going to soak up the amount of CO₂ trees previously did?

Unless you can come up

with a way for humans to absorb carbon and release oxygen: nothing is. So with an increase in CO₂ emissions, and a lack of trees to soak up the CO₂, it builds up in the atmosphere. Thus, it insulates the Earth.

If you don't think this will actually do anything to us, let's take a look at the next planet away from us closer to the Sun: Venus. You will never guess what covers Venus like a wool blanket on a hot summer day... Yes, you guessed correct, it is CO₂.

There is nothing on Venus to soak up CO₂. Guess how hot is in on Venus? You probably didn't guess correct, because if you deny that CO₂ won't affect us here then why would it affect Venus.

Well, the reality is that the temperature on Venus is 900 degrees Fahrenheit. The heat it gets from the Sun is trapped. Nobody gets to live on Venus. Let's venture away from the mass-willing-ignorance route we have taken our entire existence.

Let's stop this pitfall into extinction and provide a livable planet for our future generations. Let's do it with these highly evolved minds of ours. Because, what else do we have?

The Conservative View

President Obama delays the employer mandate for Obamacare... again! But are we surprised?

This week, the White House announced another delay for the Affordable Care Act's (Obamacare) employer mandate. The announcement sparked outrage amongst Republicans who say Obama was unilaterally and illegally rewriting his healthcare law. The delay gives medium-sized businesses, that employ anywhere from 50 to 99 employees, health coverage until 2016 where they will suffer a \$2,000 penalty per employee not offered health coverage. Only months ago did the Obama administration push the deadline from 2014 to 2015, and now back to 2016. What are they doing? President Obama stated, "Our goal here is not to punish people."

Well Obama, then why do businesses get a break when individuals will be "punished" beginning March 31? Whether or not you agree with Obamacare; whether or not you are a Democrat or Republican, you know that it is illegal for the president to just simply rewrite laws! Liberals are jumping ship at this latest attempt; telling Obama to "implement the law," not rewrite it.

Now I will be the first to admit that Republicans have done pretty much everything possible to keep Obamacare out of "work." However, I believe that President Obama has done the most damage to his healthcare law. It's not a law for the people, it's whatever Obama wants it to be that day. I don't know about you America, but I will not stand for this blatant disregard for consti-



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titutional law and process. Little do Democrats know (the ones who are blind), that a Republican president is coming soon, but don't be surprised when he ignores procedure and rewrites laws too.

Quick Hits
around the World
High Officials from Taiwan and China have held their first diplomatic/official talks in about 65 years this week. Representatives met for four days in Nanjing. For those who don't know Taiwan is considered by China as part of its territory; however the island has been running self-governance since the Nationalists were routed in 1949. Tensions have begun laxing since President Ma Ying-jeou, who favors closer relations, took office in 2008 for Taiwan.

It seems, the federal government isn't the only one having economic and financial difficulties this week. Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory, has been degraded to a junk credit status by all three major credit agencies. The country has been in a recession for nearly eight years straight and unemployment is over 15%! Over 37% of households use food stamps and over 50,000 Puerto Ricans



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President Obama yet again threw out the Constitution and begins rewriting his own laws. If the Affordable Care Act is to have an employer mandate, then the Democrats should stick to their campaign promises and quit pushing the mandate back.

have used their education and resources to move to the U.S.

Well, for those who are hating this extreme amount of snow that has accumulated over the last few weeks... it could be worse. In Great Britain thousands of acres of the southwest portion of England have been under water for weeks following

the wettest winter in over 250 years! The Thames is bursting at its banks causing many residents and towns to be evacuated and cutting off land transportation between the countries north and south. The Prime Minister blames it on the previous administrations inability to dredge the rivers while the opposition blame David

Cameron's administration for budget cuts.

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From the Editor's Desk

There needs to be more mention of and events surrounding the university's 175th anniversary; Voice to launch new section



Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

It is in my view that we need to pay more attention to the university's 175th anniversary.

When the senior editorial staff was preparing to take our photo for President Preston's 175th anniversary photo program, I was thinking that until the details of this photo program came out, there was almost no mention of anything.

There is a gala, the photo program, and some other minor events, but the 175th anniversary is a big deal!

The reason why we haven't focused on this milestone does have to do with the Dobelle scandal, yes, but I think that a good positive outlook on the future of this institution can come from celebrating the past.

At the onset, one would disagree with me. There are the window decals, the 2014 175th calendar, 175th logo balloons, and other reminders that we are celebrating this event. Liz Preston's email signature contains the logo.

But there is such a rich history of this fine institu-



(The Westfield Voice senior editorial staff, from left to right) Andrew Burke, Emily Hanshaw, Joshua Clark, and Matthew Carlin. This photo was submitted as part of Liz Preston's program to find photos of students in campus locations that signify what Westfield State means to them.

tion that I find that there could be more events to celebrate.

The 10 Most Influential Students on Campus

This week, we started accepting nominations for a special section of our March 21 issue entitled, "The 10 Most Influential Students on Campus." This section is meant to award students who issue exemplary positive influence on the student body.

We are accepting an unlimited amount of nominations. The staff is cutting off

nominations on Feb. 28 at 5 p.m. Students, faculty, staff, and librarians can contribute.

At this point, the editorial board of this newspaper will sift through all of them and pick the final ten.

I will admit the specific process of choosing the final ten is not set yet, but by the time that we need to decide them, there will be one.

Once the final ten is decided, emails will be sent to the winners so that they can send a response and provide some basic information.

This basic information

will include class, major, and hometown. We would like to take photos of the student in situations that illustrate their influence if possible. If not, photos of the student will be taken in other situations.

This new section is what I hope will become a tradition. If anybody has any questions, please direct them to jjclark8517@westfield.ma.edu or thevoice@westfield.ma.edu.

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Please send your 'letter to the editor' to thevoice@westfield.ma.edu.

Gentlemen's Weekly

Romantic and fiscally responsible date ideas

Hello everyone, this week I have for you my first cigar review of 2014. In this review, I will be reviewing a cigar that is actually new to me. I am speaking of the Ave Maria Ark of the Covenant, which I was able to finally try just last week.

Brand: Ave Maria

Extension: Ark of the Covenant

Country of Origin:

Nicaragua

Shape: Robusto

Size: 4.5" x 60

Wrapper: Ecuadorian Habano

Filler: Nicaraguan

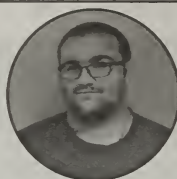
Binder: Nicaraguan

Handmade: Yes

Appearance: As soon as I saw this cigar sitting in the walk-in humidor at my local tobacconist, I knew she was something special. The dark brown wrapper

was perfect, not one visible vein at all. If the perfection of the wrapper doesn't bring you in, then the beautiful cigar band surely will. The Ave Maria has one of my favorite cigar bands of all time. The vivid colors and the giant knight in Templar garb drew me in immediately.

Construction: When I started smoking it, I realized that this beast was packed far too tight. It was tight to the point that it was difficult to get a good draw from it. Other than that flaw, the rest of the construction was great. The cap was perfectly flush; the cigar cut very clean and was very easy to light. The ash was very strong, holding on until halfway through the smoke. The ash also had a very light gray color, show-



Joshua Minardi
Social Media Coordinator

ing that the tobacco was healthy when rolled.

Flavor: The flavor started off very toasty with a mild spice to it. Shortly after that there formed a slight, sweet, honey-like note. These sweet notes combined with the pepper for a powerful, yet smooth sweet and spicy flavor. About an inch or so in, the flavor mellows out and a nice earthy profile comes

out. By halfway, the cigar became very sweet as the honey notes surged back out. Personally, I did not enjoy the overwhelming sweetness of it, and was relieved when the sweetness was met by a cedar flavor. The finish was mainly all earth and sweet tobacco flavors. The spice had died down to an undertone.

Value: As much as I enjoyed this cigar, I don't feel that it was worth the \$8.00 that I paid for it. I feel that a \$5-6 price tag would be more logical. But in our region, unfortunately the taxes on tobacco products are growing rapidly and unnecessarily. This makes the \$8 that I paid for it an industry average price per stick. With that in mind, I suppose under these circumstances, that \$8 was a fitting price

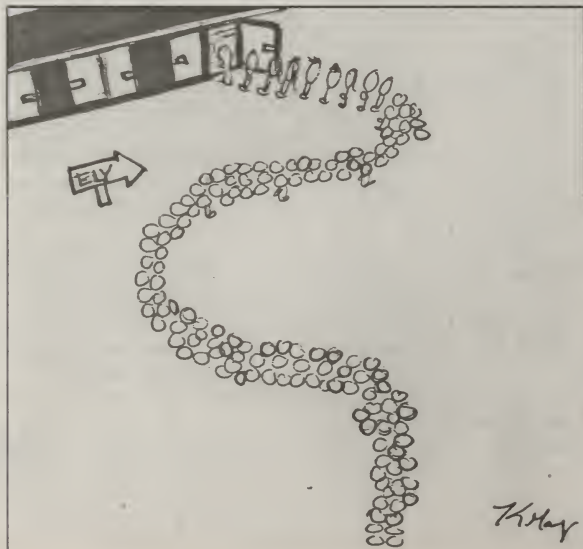
overall.

Final Rating: Ave Maria has a great, relatively consistent flavor profile that I enjoy very much. The cigar has a solid hefty body. Other than the minor draw issues, it is a great cigar that I highly recommend to anyone. As I said before, it is now one of my go-to cigars.

I hope that I have helped to inform you on a good cigar for someone who likes sweeter profiles in a stick. As always, if you have any questions about cigars, or just want to go have a smoke with me sometime, feel free to drop me a line at jminardi2720@westfield.ma.edu.

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Boy, there should really be more than one door...



Were you on your high school's yearbook staff? Interested in starting Westfield State's yearbook up again?

Contact

jclark8517@westfield... to indicate that you're interested.

The Seventh Side: Your Weekly Dose of Satire

The real reason why Bates had closed bathrooms

Dear purveyors and patrons of art of a less puritan nature,

If one was around Bates at the correct time this week, they would have noticed yellow stripes of exclusion marking the door to the men's bathroom.

Why were those yellow shackles there, holding back the male masses with devil-possessed bladders and forcing them to go down two flights of stairs? What great force holds us against our will so? I learned it was paint. But not just any paint, some horrible shade of red that

burns the eyes upon the simplest of stares.

One must then ask why the powers that be would do such a thing, but don't worry, dear readers, I have the answer (I think, I didn't really bother to confirm it). Graffiti. In the stalls. Yes, it's real and no our world will never be the same. Could the same happen to your favorite Westfield bathroom (yes, we all know you have a favorite)? Most likely. What protection is there? None.

Yet one must ask if it is right to cover up the voices of the people who happen to have writing

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Not an A&E Editor

instruments and too much spare time on their hands? Is it right to destruct free speech? Yes, these bathroom stall are covered with phrases such as [redacted] and others like [redacted] and even those like [come on, man, you know we can't print that], but they are public property and I for one refuse to acknowledge the laws, codes, and ordinances against this second floor middle-class street art due to sheer ignorance.

If the graffiti is gone, how will one learn new racial epithets, and other nasty things to call people? It reminds us of just how misogynistic, racist, and horrible the human race really is. People rely on these crude drawings, reactionary statements, and attempts at toilet humor for education as well as entertainment. Think of the children.

Do you remember a special time when you were six years old and had to enter a public restroom out of necessity and on the walls you saw drawings that could not be yet explained?

There was majesty and a curiosity that is so rare these days with the coming of the internet. I just hope that the time has not run out on all of the other icons just yet. I'm simply not ready to not be disgusted anymore.

Yours in complete indifference,
Sind T. Zelony

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Letter to the Editor

Christian Fellowship and Bible study groups have a message that just won't quit

Dear Mr. Editor,

I am writing to discuss the activities of a club that is affiliated with Westfield State University.

Over the last couple of weeks, I have noticed an increase in the presence of the Christian Fellowship on this campus. This presence is felt very strongly by my friends and I.

This group has been disseminating literature and holding events. While they have First Amendment rights, which guarantee freedom of speech and the freedom of worship, I feel that it

is incredibly annoying having to deal with the constant pestering to join their group.

This pestering is rather intrusive, especially when I have to divulge personal details about my religion, where I worship, and whether I believe in God or not.

I feel that a conversation of that nature is best had between God and myself. A pushy student is not going to be a third wheel on that conversation.

Still, this is not a problem that is limited to the Christian Fellowship. Bible study groups that have ap-

peared on campus have students who conduct this same pestering.

Just last week, I was quizzed by somebody who did not believe that my schedule for that evening was legitimate and tried to convince me that Bible study is more important.

So, in order to avoid the conducting of more conversations on the topic, I will answer these questions about myself and any of the other Catholics who find it annoying to have to convince a Bible study leader or Christian Fellowship member that they, too,

are religious.

Yes, I am Catholic.

Yes, I attend church weekly.

Yes, I believe in Heaven.

However, I believe that St. Peter will make the decision as to whether or not I pass through the gates of Heaven.

No, I do not think that I should be able to pre-determine my place in Heaven; it is St. Peter's decision alone.

No, I do not want to attend your Bible study or your church, as it is not mine.

I send this letter anonymously because I know that other mem-

bers of the Catholic community at this university, not just me, share this same sentiment.

The Intersvarsity Christian Fellowship has existed in concurrence with the Christian Fellowship for some time now. I respect that the Intersvarsity group does not take the same approach as the Christian Fellowship does to gain members.

Maybe the Christian Fellowship should follow in the Intersvarsity group's example.

Signed anonymously.

Arts & Entertainment

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LEWIS PACHECO & LYNDON SEITZ, Editors

as of Feb. 19, 2014

Top 10 Singles

1. Katy Perry ft. Juicy J - Dark Horse
2. Pharrell Williams - Happy
3. Jason Derulo ft. 2 Chainz - Talk Dirty
4. A Great Big World - Say Something
5. Passenger - Let Her Go
6. Pitbull ft. Ke\$ha - Timber
7. OneRepublic - Counting Stars
8. Beyonce ft. Jay Z - Drunk in Love
9. Lorde - Team
10. Bastille - Pompeii

Top 5 Albums

1. NOW 49
2. Frozen Movie Soundtrack
3. Unorthodox Jukebox - Bruno Mars
4. Love, Marriage, and Divorce - Toni Braxton and Babyface
5. After the Disco - Broken Bells

Top 5 Movies

1. The LEGO Movie
2. About Last Night
3. RoboCop
4. The Monuments Men
5. Endless Love

Upcoming DVDs

1. Game of Thrones Season 3 DVD
2. The Invoking
3. Zaytoun
4. Darkroom
5. Fists of Legend

SKATERS' Debut LP "Manhattan" Keeps Rock Alive

Jessica Thelen
Voice Reporter

New York City based rock band SKATERS is set to release their debut LP "Manhattan" on February 25 in the US and on February 24 in the UK. As local music director for our campus's radio station, WSKB 89.5 FM, I was privileged to receive an advance copy of "Manhattan," and I haven't stopped listening since.

SKATERS is a three man band, comprised of singer/songwriter Michael Ian Cummings, drummer Noah Rubin, and guitarist Joshua Hubbard. After the release of their 2012 EP "Schemers," I knew SKATERS was destined for even greater heights, and "Manhattan" proves that SKATERS is here to stay.

SKATERS is not your typical rock band—they combine indie, punk, shoe gaze, fuzz rock, and reggae influences to create incredibly catchy, radio-friendly hits.

"Manhattan" starts off with a recording of a New York subway arriving in Manhattan, paying homage to their roots, as well as giving a nod to the album's title. The first track, "One of Us," starts the album off with an upbeat, rowdy song that captures the vibrant, upbeat spirit of New York City, and the repeated "fun and games"

serves to emphasize this spirit.

The second track, "Miss Teen Massachusetts," is one of the singles off of the album, and is one of its best songs. The song is introspective, mournful, yet hopeful; it starts off with Hubbard's fuzzy guitar and Rubin's pounding drums, followed by synthesizers, giving the songs a summery feel.

Despite the great musicianship, the best part of the song is the lyrics. Here, Cummings further sharpens his songwriting chops and uses "Miss Teen Massachusetts" to show them off: "I never let go 'cos it's so hard to do / this salutation is made just for you. / And I know, they won't change your mind." The song perfectly encapsulates the feelings of isolation, desperation, and yearning, which is strengthened by Hubbard's layered guitars.

"Deadbolt" is a very post-punk tune that bridges "Miss Teen Massachusetts" and the reggae-inspired, Clash-like song "Band Breaker."

"Band Breaker" calls to mind The Clash's "Bank Robber" and tells the tale of a girl that boys in bands are prone to fall in love with, but once they do, the bands inevitably break up: "I see you're on the run / band breaker. / It was only fun / for you. / You tore it



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all apart, band breaker. / Exactly what did you do?"

The sixth track, "Schemers," is a re-vamp of an earlier version of the tune. This re-vamped version better captures the band's no holds barred approach to their live shows, and captures the energy the band brings to the stage.

The album's seventh track, "Symptomatic," is the album's only 'love' song. It is another one of the album's strongest tracks.

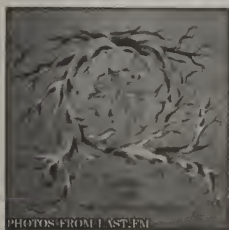
Despite the upbeat and catchy vibes, the song describes a toxic love affair, where the lover becomes blinded and obsessed by his love: "You better knock / 'cos what you feel in your heart / is a needle in your

vein / you poison lover. / But the symptomatic dropped dead / when the sun rises over your head. / And I don't even glance when you're around me."

The album ends with a rambunctious, fast-paced eleventh track, "This Much I Care." This is the album's most punk-influenced song, as evidenced by the furious bass lines and screeching, feedback-laced guitars.

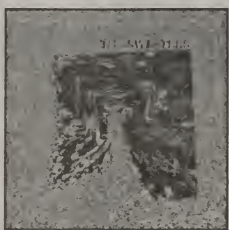
The album not only starts off on a high note, but ends on one as well. If you're looking for something new, upbeat, and exciting to listen to, pick up a copy of SKATERS' "Manhattan," available on February 24. You can pre-order the album from iTunes.

Lyndon's Album Reviews

"There it is" will definitely not disappoint

Lyndon Seitz
A&E Editor

Sunshone Still: The Way the World Dies - This is mostly soft rock which almost whispers to the listener. "Boot" is an interesting track, and the last two thirds of the album has a sense of poignancy and importance to it that I enjoyed. It slows down, but it slows down with great purpose, and it's rather relaxing to the listener. Some listeners may find it rather boring, but I feel that in this instance it would depend more on personal taste. Overall, it's a nice album



that some people might enjoy under the right circumstances.

Sweaters: Phylum - At first I thought this would be a nice rock EP that would present a strong effort to try and do something different. After listening to it, I found I got a highly predictable and slightly repetitive set of five songs instead. In addition to this, the songs didn't seem to have much flourish to them, which isn't usually bad, but in this circumstance the music wasn't strong enough to be without it. It was an exercise in concentration trying to be open-minded enough to try



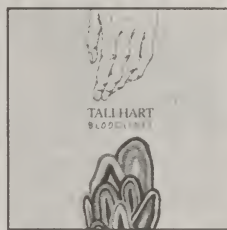
not to predict exactly what was going to come next. I wouldn't really recommend it to anyone, there's better stuff out there.

The Swills: GodSwilling - Hard rock the likes of which you have most likely heard before. The music is quite good, reminding me maybe a little of a lighter Black Sabbath, but the lyrics at times I found comically clichéd, to the point where they ruin what would be great songs such as "Love or War" or "Conspiracy Theory." I normally don't mind this, but after a certain point they are distracting, and it crossed that



line several times over. I want to recommend this, but unless you don't understand English, I can't do so in good conscience (and if you can't, how are reading this review?).

Tall Dark Stranger: There it is - This is one of the most fun and interesting albums I've reviewed in a long time. It never likes to stay in one place, and yet still seems to retain a root in either progressive rock or classic rock. The only missteps on the album (which are few) are when the progressive rock elements are taken too far, and the album is at its best when it



finds its balance, and you never find yourself the relatively long tracks to end. I absolutely recommend this album, I highly doubt it will disappoint.

Tallhart: Bloodlines - Rock that seems to have a little of a pop-punk vein in it. Sometimes the vocals try to overdo it a bit, and it just narrowly avoids being great because of this. I found myself really on the fence with this one, the lyrics are better than most of what I hear, even if the music is in most cases nothing extraordinary. The best track on the EP in my opinion would be emotional "Wolves."

Season two of 'House of Cards' is the best stuff that isn't on television

Joshua Clark
Editor-In-Chief

Valentine's Day brought many things for many people. Seeing as how I am single, all I had to look forward to is season two of "House of Cards," the best political drama since "The West Wing."

The first season ended with President Garrett Walker (played by Michel Hill) asking Frank Underwood (played by Kevin Spacey) to be his vice president. Frank then goes for a run with his wife Claire (played by Robin Wright).

SPOILER ALERT. If you haven't watched it

yet, do not keep reading.

The second season picks up with Frank and Claire on the same run.

The first episode of the second season is incredibly action-packed but the ending is unbelievable.

Kate Mara's character, Zoe Barnes, has to die. That is the way that Michael Dobbs' 1989 novel and the 1990 BBC mini-series play out. The journalist in the British versions gets tossed off of the side of Parliament and meets her end crushing the top of a van.

So we know that Zoe has to die. The question going into the beginning of the second season was, "how?"

I will say this. It is un-

believable. I expected that Zoe would meet the same or similar end as her British counterpart, but instead she does not.

Really, I am dragging this out so that those who kept reading after the spoiler alert could turn away. So do that now if you have not already seen it.

Zoe gets pushed onto subway tracks, by Frank of course, while a train is coming. The whole thing was completely unexpected. They meet on a subway platform. Frank was behind a fence and hidden from view of the other passengers waiting for the train. Zoe sees the tip of his hat or his shadow and walks over

to the fence.

They begin a conversation about starting their relationship over. He asks her to delete his text messages and contact from her phone, which she does.

When she begins to question him about Peter Russo's suicide (character was played in the first season by Corey Stoll), he gets irritated.

It was when she stepped over to the other side of the fence that Zoe meets her fate.

After a short exchange, which Frank did not taken kindly to, he grabs Zoe's jacket and pushes her in front of the oncoming train.

He appears indifferent

after watching her get run over by the subway train and hearing the screams of the waiting passengers.

He walks away from the scene undetected by those attending to Zoe's mangled body.

My dad watched the episode before I did and told me that he was left stunned after watching that, especially so soon in the season. Once I saw it, I texted him in utter disbelief.

After watching herself for the first time, a friend texted me, "OH MY GOD."

This season of "House of Cards" is the best thing not on television. Netflix struck another one out of the park.

Knowing to Cook

Comfort Food All Year Round

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

Visualize, if you would, this image. Snow is falling from the sky rapidly and you have just returned indoors from a long hour of shoveling.

You are exhausted and cold and you want nothing more than to wrap yourself up in a blanket and sit in front of a roaring fire.

Yet, there is a wonderful smell coming from the kitchen. You go in to take a look and find a big pot of stew simmering on the stovetop.

Warmth begins to enter your body and suddenly you are not so cold or exhausted anymore. Sound familiar?

With all of the snow and cold we have been subject to over the last few weeks, I have been craving comfort food.

Winter brings out a different style of cooking. In cold weather, people are less concerned with healthy eating and more concerned with having a full stomach. This is the origin of comfort food.

Comfort food is meant to warm you up and keep you full. Foods like mac 'n cheese, chicken soup, meatloaf, shepherd's pie, and beef stew all come under the category of comfort food.

These align with the more traditional foods of the country. Summer and spring are the seasons for experimentation; winter is the season for the basics.

In the Cashman Household, comfort foods are a favorite not just in winter, but year round.

My parents and I are the more experimental eat-

ers in the house, whereas my siblings much prefer the basics to an experiment. And, of course, if my siblings want it they get it. Even in the summer time, my siblings are always begging for steaks and pies, instead of the seafood and light fare I always think of as summer food.

But there is always a time for comfort food, even in the hot months of the summer.

Comfort food, while mostly associated with the colder months of the year, can be consumed any time of the year.

As long as you don't mind heating up your house during the summer, there is always time for a roast or baked chicken.

Comfort food is less about the season and more about feeling, for lack of a better term, comforted. That is the whole point of comfort food.

It is meant to make us feel warm and cozy on the inside. We are meant to feel loved and comforted when we eat anything, but there is something about diving into a gooey plate of mac 'n cheese fresh out of the oven that is so satisfying and comforting that you cannot help but feel happy.

That is really what food is all about: being loved and satisfied. This is true with food of any season, but particularly with comfort food because it's very purpose is to warm the soul.

So, stay warm and enjoy this recipe for Shepherd's Pie!

Bunoa Tavola!

SHEPHERD'S PIE

Ingredients:

1 1/2 pounds ground beef



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PHOTO FROM KRAFT RECIPES

or ground turkey

1 onion, chopped

1-2 cups of vegetables: corn, carrots, or peas work best

2 pounds of potatoes (3-4 big ones) mashed

Butter

Salt

Pepper

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

2. Melt butter in large frying pan.

3. Once the butter begins to bubble, add onions and sauté until onions are golden brown.

4. Add meat and cook until browned.

5. Butter the bottom of a baking dish and spread meat and onions around the bottom.

6. Mix in the vegetable of your choice.

7. Spread the mashed potatoes over the meat and vegetables.

8. Brush some melted butter over the top of the potatoes.

9. Bake in the oven for 30 minutes.

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ANDREW BURKE, Editor

Owls Sports

Owls win on Senior Night

Goalie Eddie Davey recorded a shutout in the 4-0 win over Fitchburg



Senior goaltender Eddie Davey of Orangeville, Ontario was named MASCAC goalie of the week for his Senior Night shutout. He recorded 29 saves in the 4-0 win by the Owls.

Derek Ditmars
Voice Reporters

The Owls dominated Fitchburg State 4-0 on senior night, Saturday, Feb. 15. It was a picture perfect

night for the Owl seniors, especially for goaltender Eddie Davey (Orangeville, ON) who registered his first shutout for the Owls this season.

The stakes were high in this match-up, with the

winner getting sole possession of fourth place in the MASCAC standings.

Before the game, Westfield State's seniors were honored for their contributions to their team and the program.

One of these seniors was defenseman Billy Miller (Morgan Hill, CA.) who got the game off to a quick start with a bomb from the blue-line that found the back of the net, putting Westfield up 1-0 within the first two minutes of the game.

Both Fitchburg State and Westfield State played physical in this match-up with numerous bone-crushing hits going both ways. Early in the third Jordan Furlane (Oakville, ON.) of Fitchburg, was hit hard and had to be taken back to the locker room for further evaluation and did not return.

The score remained 1-0, until late in the third when sophomore P.J. McCadden (Mount Sinai, NY) found junior Frank Zuccaro (Newmarket, ON.) open in front of the Fitchburg net to give the Owls a 2-0 advantage.

Fitchburg State seemed deflated after Zuccaro's goal and, consequently, gave up

two more, to Brett Nussbaum (Boca Raton, Fla.) and Paul Falanga (East Haven, Conn.), respectively.

The keys to victory for the Owls in this match-up were a strong rush into the offensive zone, a heavy physical presence, and great goaltending by Davey. Fitchburg's only opportunity to score came on consecutive 5 on 3 breaks in the second period. However, penalty kill veterans Josh McCully (North Bay, ON.), Vince Perreault (Braeside, ON.), and Todd Gerbert (Surrey, BC.) killed off both penalties and shifted the momentum back in favor of the Owls.

The Owls will enjoy this win over the weekend, but get right back to business Thursday against divisional opponent UMASS Dartmouth. The Owls will look to avenge an earlier 6-3 loss this year to the Corsairs when they meet again in Westfield.

Men's indoor track wins MASCAC championship



The men's indoor track team recently won the MASCAC conferece championships. Sophomore Dayvon Williams raises the trophy and celebrates with his teammates.

WSU Athletic Department

GORHAM, Maine - It was a total team effort for the Westfield State University men's indoor track and field squad as it reclaimed the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) championship on Saturday, Feb. 15, at the University of Southern Maine.

In what may have been the closest and most competitive meet in MASCAC history, Westfield State placed first with 170 points, followed by Bridgewater State (157), Worcester State (150), and Fitchburg State (102).

"It was a big team effort by all the guys and they were excited," said Westfield veteran head coach Sean O'Brien. "This was

one of the biggest (MASCAC) victories since I've been here."

The Owls claimed the championship despite placing first in only two events. But Westfield's displayed its depth, especially in the six distance events where they accumulated 78 of their 170 points. In addition, O'Brien made some strategic personnel changes in the 4 x 800 and 4 x 400 relays where the Owls finished first and second, respectively. Westfield also picked up a combined 38 points in three field events - high jump, triple jump, and shot put.

"On paper I had us finishing fourth," said O'Brien of his pre-meet prediction. "But these guys just know how to win. I even had a Bridgewater athlete come up to me and tell me that

he expected Westfield to be there because we know how to win."

Sophomore Matt Moussamih was Westfield's lone individual champion, finishing first in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:00.11. Moussamih also placed third in the 400 and ran on the 4 x 400 relay that edged Bridgewater for second place.

The Owls' other first place was the 4 x 800 relay squad of Sean Comerford, Mike Kelleher, Tevin Cintron and Colin Morse, which defeated second place Bridgewater by nearly six seconds with a winning time of 8:24.34.

Finishing second were sophomore Tim Shea in the 5,000 meter run with a fine time of 15:50.84 and Travon Godette in the high jump with an excellent ef-

fort of 6-6 3/4.

Stephen Parece placed second in the 800 meter run, fifth in the mile run, and was a member of the runner-up 4 x 400 relay along with Moussamih, Kyle Sullivan, and Mike Stender. Mike Skelly was second in the 3,000 and fourth in the mile run.

Westfield's other top point producers were: Zack Madera (5th, 55 meter dash; 4th, 200), Sullivan (5th, 400), Cintron (3rd, 600), Stender (4th, 600), Morse (4th, 800), Comerford (4th, 1000), Kelleher (4th, 5000; 5th, 1000), Chris Williams (4th, 1000), Zak Gross (5th, 5000), Dayvon Williams (3rd, triple jump; 5th, 55 hurdles), Jacob Clements (4th, high jump), John Tomlin (4th, triple jump; 5th, high jump), Zack Delisle (3rd, pole vault), John

Latour (5th, long jump), Shawn Fournier (3rd, shot put), Brian Garcia (4th, shot put; 5th, weight throw), Marcus Pettigrew (5th, shot put), Steve Sam (4th, weight throw).

The MASCAC meet was held in conjunction with the New England Alliance championship, which is comprised of MASCAC and Little East schools. Westfield finished sixth in the 10-team competition with 58 points.

Westfield's top performers in the Alliance meet were Moussamih (3rd, 800), Delisle (3rd, pole vault), and Parece (4th, 800).

Men's MASCAC final scores

1. Westfield State 170
2. Bridgewater State 157
3. Worcester State 150
4. Fitchburg State 102

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, February 14th

W Swimming at New England Championships (TBD)

Friday, February 15th

W BBall at Worcester State W 62-51
Ice Hockey vs Fitchburg State 5:35 p.m.
M BBall at Worcester State L 58-62
M/W Track MASCAC/New England Championships M - 1st/W - 2nd

Sunday, February 16th

W Swimming at New England Championships 8th Place

Tuesday, February 18th

W BBall at MCLA W 67-56
M BBall at MCLA W 80-63

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, February 20th

M Ice Hockey vs UMass Dartmouth 7:35 p.m.

Friday, February 21st

M/W New England D-III Championships

Saturday, February 22nd

W BBall vs. Fitchburg State 1:00 p.m.

M BBall vs. Fitchburg State 3:00 p.m.

Ice Hockey at Worcester State 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, February 25th

Ice Hockey vs. Plymouth State 7:35 p.m.

M BBall at MASCAC Quarterfinals

W BBall at MASCAC Quarterfinals

Rondo's injury has affected his trade value, but not the Celtics rebuilding efforts



Rajon Rondo and the Boston Celtics are currently in a rebuilding era. It remains to be seen if Rondo will be around for the entirety of the effort, or be dealt for cap space.

Connor Swan
Voice Reporter

When the Celtics GM Danny Ainge officially ended the Big 3 era by trading Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and coach Doc Rivers, he sparked a hot debate in Boston sports over the future of Rajon Rondo.

While some still look to Rondo as the future leader of this Celtics franchise, others are fervently clamoring for him to be dealt at the coming trade deadline for more draft picks in a loaded 2014 rookie draft. While he may represent an excellent trade chip, the Celtics would be wise to

hold onto Rondo at the coming deadline.

Normally, the thinking is that sellers will be able to drive up the value of their players at the trade deadline, playing off other teams' determination to find that one last piece of the puzzle to get them into championship contention. Unfortunately, Rondo's value is at an all-time low as he is still recovering from an ACL tear suffered early last season that knocked him out until January 17th of this season.

While Rondo's play in recent games is much more in line with what one would expect out of one of the premier point guards in the

NBA, rival executives will be wary of giving up the house in a trade for him after witnessing the rough experience of Derrick Rose. Rose, who was criticized by many for taking too long to comeback from a knee injury similar to Rondo's last season, played in just 10 games this year before re-tearing his ACL and ending his season. With this in mind, many are worried about the stability of Rondo's knee, thus driving down his trade value.

Of course, even if he was at peak value, the sad reality is there are more sellers than buyers in this year's market. Due to the strength and depth of this

years draft class, tanking is wide spread. Every team without a strong shot at the NBA championship has seemingly decided to lose as many games of possible for a shot at a higher draft pick. As a result, draft pick prices are at a premium and teams who normally would be open to using their picks to acquire star talent like Rondo now see a chance to find a star of their own through the draft.

The expected arrival of Dante Exum and Marcus Smart, both highly ranked point guard prospects, also deadens the value of Rondo, point guard needy teams with a quality first round picks are not going to break the bank to give Ainge the deal he requires for his star.

With all this in mind, the Celtics should in fact trade Rondo, just not at the coming deadline when his market value is low. The Celtics should trade Rondo this summer at which point the Celtics could unload him for more than 50 cents on the dollar. This summer, Ainge could take advantage of the teams who missed out on the prospects they hoped for in the draft and who are still looking for a franchise point guard.

There are scenarios where the Celtics do not have to trade Rondo. They might believe that whatever player they select in the draft will work well with Rondo or perhaps they even decide that he is in fact their franchise and want to build

around him. While these are perfectly justified reasons, Ainge would be wise to look at Rondo's age and contract. As it stands, Rondo's contract runs through the end of next season, at which point he will most likely be demanding a massive pay raise.

With a younger Rondo, this would be a no brainer. Locking up a young, budding point guard is always good business, but the fact is Rondo is no longer the young wide-eyed point guard dishing to future hall of famers anymore. At the end of next season, he will be a 30 year old point guard with a history of knee issues. Not the guy anyone wants to hand the keys to the franchise to.

When it comes down to it, trading Rajon Rondo at the deadline would be the worst thing for the Celtic rebuilding effort. For Ainge to trade Rondo it would have to be a deal of extraordinary value, most likely in the neighborhood of multiple first round picks and a blue chip talent, a deal that he will not get in a market featuring a premium on draft picks. This summer would provide the best opportunity as teams would then have their full array of 2015 draft picks and much more likely to pursue a mega trade in search of a star. Rajon Rondo is a heck of a player and one the Celtics would love to keep around but it would be best for the team to unload him this summer.

Orange You Glad I Didn't Say Perfect?



Syracuse is almost unanimously the #1 team in the nation. However, their tough schedule for the remainder of the season will challenge their undefeated season

Jon Rebmann
Voice Reporter

The Syracuse Orangemen are undoubtedly the best team in Division I college basketball right now. They are a clear favorite to win, not only the all-ways competitive Atlantic Coast Conference, but the National Championship as well. At an astonishing 25-0 (12-0 ACC), the Orangemen are off to their best start in school history, and along with the Wichita State Shockers remain one of the only two undefeated teams left in college basketball this year. But how long can they keep this streak going?

The Orangemen were rolling at the beginning of the season, with notable wins against California,

Minnesota, Villanova, and Baylor, all of whom are currently ranked in the RPI Top 50. In those games, outscoring their opponents 319-277, winning by an average margin of 10.5 points, including a convincing 16 point victory against Villanova. Even in the beginning of ACC play, the Orangemen won tough games against Pittsburgh and North Carolina, beating them by 12 and 5, respectively. However, as the season progressed, they began to show signs of fatigue.

In the February 1st game against 17, Duke, the Orange barely squeezed out the win 91-89, almost falling under the hands of Rasheed Sulaimon and Jabari Parker. In that game, Jerami Grant and C.J. Fair did most of the heavy lifting for the Orange, scoring a com-

bined 52 points, whereas the Blue Devils had 5 players combine for 73 points. In their next game, the Orange narrowly beat Notre Dame 61-55 in what should have been an easy win (especially considering the Fighting Irish are 3-7 in ACC play). Freshman Tyler Ennis, who is arguably one of the biggest stars on a roster filled with talent, scored a mere six points, whereas Trevor Cooney was the only Orange to score more than 10, contributing a whopping 33 points.

In their recent game against NC State, with 6.7 seconds left in the game, C.J. Fair scored a decisive layup off of a steal by Ra-keem Christmas in their way to a 56-55 victory. But their biggest scare came against Pitt just three nights before. As the clock

ticked down to its final seconds, Tyler Ennis scored an improbable 3-point buzzer beater to give the Orange a 58-56 win.

It seems as though Syracuse has let a few too many games get as close as they did, where the Orange would and should otherwise have easily won. Granted, no team is perfect, but when you have three out of five games come down to the final seconds, you need to start rethinking your strategy, especially when a perfect season is on the line.

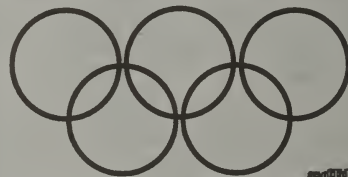
If the Orange continue to let these games come down to the final wire, they won't be able to see themselves pulling ahead at the last second. With a rematch against Duke in Cameroon Indoor Stadium and another road game against Virginia, the Orangemen's

schedule doesn't get much easier. Let's also not forget that they also have to win the ACC Tournament (where they will likely face Duke again) and the National Tournament to stay perfect as well.

With a tough road ahead, this streak looks like it will soon be drawing to a close. Needless to say, their run so far has been impressive, and while the Orange have shown us they are the definition of a well-balanced team, they just aren't perfect season material. But who knows, anything could happen. One thing's for sure, it's gonna be fun to watch them try. The Orangemen play their next game at Duke on Saturday, February 22, at 7:00. The game will be aired on ESPN or ESPN2.

**As of press time, Syracuse was still undefeated*

Sochi Medal Count



Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
UNITED STATES	7	5	11	23
RUSSIA	6	9	7	22
NETHERLANDS	6	7	9	22
NORWAY	9	4	7	20
CANADA	5	9	4	18
GERMANY	8	3	2	15
FRANCE	3	2	6	11
SWEDEN	2	5	4	11
SWITZERLAND	6	3	1	10
AUSTRIA	2	6	1	9
CZECH REPUBLIC	2	4	2	8
SLOVENIA	2	1	4	7
JAPAN	1	4	2	7
ITALY	0	2	5	7
CHINA	3	2	1	6

Get Burked

Olympic hockey gives American fans a team to stand behind that the NHL doesn't



PHOTO FROM CBS

The popularity of secondary sports rises exponentially during Olympic events and World Cups. Giving American fans one single team to stand behind and root for creates a unity with the sports world for sports like hockey and soccer that doesn't normally exist.

Hockey has been the main talking point of the Olympics thus far, and the undefeated USA team has since become the favorite to take the medal. Their rematch with Canada is highly anticipated and the support for the team is at an all time high. Which begs the question why is hockey not as popular of a sport in the USA as it is in other countries.

The answer is an easy one, but that makes it all the more difficult to understand. Hockey was not invented in the United States. It was invented by college students in Windsor, Nova Scotia, and named after the late Englishman, Colonel Hockey, who was stationed in that area.

That is the reason. End of story. Right? I wish it were that simple.

Americans, especially sports fans, are very loyal to organizations, sports, or players that are from a certain area. As whole, our neighbors to the north are the same way. The Canadians embrace hockey as their own and have always dominated the sports. Americans do not embrace hockey the same way they embrace basketball, baseball, and football. Springfield, Massachusetts, Canton, Ohio, and Cooperstown, New York are holy lands for American sports fans while the Hockey hall of fame resides in Ontario.

Being from Connecticut, I remain loyal to all players from UConn, especially basketball, and cheer for them in any of their future endeavors. Connecticut is a unique state for hockey, however, with the Whalers previously calling



Andrew Burke
Sports Editor

Hartford home. Notable Hall of Famers Gordie Howe, Brendan Shanahan, and Bobby Hull all bring back memories of the team, which has since moved to North Carolina.

Soccer is the same way for American sports fans. Although it is disputed as to where soccer originated, it is certain that it was not in the U.S.. Many countries have their own leagues, making it impossible for all of the best individual

players to compete on a night-to-night basis. The world's best players are from countries all around the world and Americans, again, don't have a real team to get behind.

Thierry Henry of France and David Beckham of England have both taken large contracts in the past to play in the American MLS league. Both were at the end of their careers when they came to the U.S. and neither brought that much more interest to the MLS as a whole.

The reason that the Olympics and World Cup draw so much attention from Americans in sports like soccer and hockey is because there is a clear team to get behind and root for. Watching the USA women's soccer team win on an Abby Wambach

header against Brazil in the 2011 World Cup and the men win on Landon Donovan's injury time goal against Algeria in 2010 gave everyone a great sense of national pride.

The "Miracle on Ice" is always brought up in a conversation of greatest American sports moments and the overtime goal by Sidney Crosby in the 2010 Olympic gold medal match against the USA has made this Olympic matchup between Canada and USA more interesting.

Hockey and Soccer are two of the most popular sports around the world and soccer is the most played and I believe that both will continue to grow in popularity within the coming years. As the proud Canadian Drake once said, "Better late than never, but never late is better."

WSU Public Safety Crime Log: Jan. 2 to Feb. 16

<u>Date & Time of Incident</u>	<u>General Location</u>	<u>Incident Nature</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Sept. 5 - Jan. 15 0001 - 1300	Davis Hall	Rape	Open (reported Jan. 5)
"	"	Assault & Battery/Domestic	"
"	"	Destruction of Property	"
"	"	Witness Intimidation	"
Jan. 2 1139	Commuter Lot	Suspended Registration	Closed
1152	Commuter Lot	Suspended Registration	Closed
Jan. 18 2000	Dickinson Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
"	"	Drug Law Violation	"
Jan. 20 0100	Scanlon Hall	Drug Law Violation	Citation Issued
Jan. 21 0033	New Hall	Assault & Battery	Referred to Student Conduct
2224	Lammers Hall	Drug Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Jan. 23 1416 - 1640	Woodward Center Lot	Malicious Destruction	Open
Jan. 24 0447	Courtney Hall	Assault & Battery	Summons
2247	Davis Hall	Trespassing	Trespass Notice
2343	Courtney Hall	Assault & Battery	Referred to Student Conduct
Jan. 25 0029	Commuter Lot	Operating Under Influence	Arrest
"	"	Negligent Operation	"
2049	Scanlon Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
2209	Davis Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Jan. 26 0220	New Hall	Assault & Battery/Domestic	Arrest
Jan. 30 1749	University Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Jan. 30 - Feb. 3 1100 - 1400	University Hall	Larceny	Open
Jan. 31 0010	Dickinson Hall	Drug Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Feb. 1 0058	Scanlon Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
1623	Scanlon Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
1636	Scanlon Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
1756	Davis Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
1809	Dickinson Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
1956	Dickinson Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Feb. 4 1748	Univeristy Hall	Assault & Battery/Domestic	Arrest
Feb. 5 1509	Parzeno Lot	Drug Law Violation	Citation Issued
2230 - 2310	Courtney Hall	Larceny	Open
Feb. 7 2054	Dickinson Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Feb. 8 0022	Scanlon Hall	Drug Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
0101	Scanlon Hall	Drug Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
0442 - 0500	Courtney Hall	Malicious Destruction	Open
1617	Davis Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
1913	Courtney Hall Lot	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Feb. 9 0139	Dining Commons/Perch	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
"	"	Trespassing	Tresspass Notice Issued
0334	Commuter Lot	Malicious Destruction	Open
Feb. 10 1330	University Hall	Drug Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Feb. 11 0022	Courtney Hall	Drug Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Feb. 12 1620	Scanlon Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
Feb. 14 0000-0858	South Lot	Malicious Destruction	Open
1620	Scanlon Hall	Larceny	Open
1747	Scanlon Hall	Liquor Law Violation	Referred to Student Conduct
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Feb. 16 0102	Davis Hall	Trespassing	Tresspass Notice Issued

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the only states to this point to entirely legalize recreational use of marijuana, but a January article by US News pegs 2014 as a year in which Alaska, Arizona, California, Oregon, and Washington D.C. all have the potential to legalize. However, 2016 is expected to be the more likely year in which substantial voter initiative will take place. 2016 holds a more favorable possibility for legalization in Arizona, California, Maine, Massachusetts, Montana, and Nevada.

Secondly, recent marijuana headlines mean that nothing on the federal level can be expected anytime soon. The Senate is unlikely to budge, even in regards to rescheduling marijuana—which will likely remain a schedule I drug. As a schedule I drug, pot is lumped in with drugs that are associated as being more seriously harmful, such as heroin, LSD, and ecstasy.

Here in Massachusetts, marijuana is decriminalized; citizens caught with a negligible amount of marijuana (under an ounce) are fined rather than subjected to jail time. Massachusetts already has medical marijuana legislation. It went into effect on Jan. 1, 2013. While the process as a whole has involved many moving parts, progress towards fully enacting this legislation has consistently splashed across local headlines here in Western Massachusetts, as recently as this month.

As of Feb. 9, two medical marijuana dispensaries here in Western Mass. have received licenses to open shop — one in Holyoke, and one in Northampton. Despite this approval, it will be an estimated six months before either dispensary is serving patients in Western Mass.

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2. How does the student use their influence in a positive way?
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All nominations are due by February 28, 2014 at 5 p.m.

Please send them to thevoice@westfield.ma.edu!

Horoscopes Games & Maze

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

If some guy asks you to drive his car then you go ahead and do it. Don't be a passenger, though, otherwise you will give up your position of power in the inevitable struggle that lies ahead for you. Always have the position of advantage in a struggle in a car.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

You might want to double check your flight plans in the near future, otherwise you might wind up in a forest in Norway somewhere with no return flight. Trying to get out of that one will be a bit of a mess at the very least.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

You are so fantastic that you could go across the universe and back and still be home in time for dinner. Try to celebrate yourself and be happy.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

The taxman is going to come around soon, so prepare all your audit materials based on your recent string of luck. It will probably be a long week for you, unless your name sounds conservative enough. They won't dare bother with you then. You probably don't though, do you?

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

If you find yourself in a bunch of strawberry fields, you took a wrong turn at the fork in the road and you might want to turn back. Those things can go on forever and one gets sick of strawberries real quickly.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

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Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

You are not the walrus. You are the elephant and you probably should get used to it as soon as possible. Otherwise you are just going to have an identity crisis and that really is not all that bearable.

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

If you meet a stranger on a train that you share a once in a lifetime glance with that speaks volumes more than words could ever say, find them and cherish them like nothing else. You have got to get that person into your life.

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

The strangest things can happen to you any time at all. The cosmos speaks to you in strange ways, and it is always best to never ignore it.

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

It would be unadvisable to start a revolution this week as the stars say all of the proper revolution starting equipment is going to go through a spike in prices for a while. It's best to wait a few weeks; then take down the man.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

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Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

Get back to where you were before and rebuild. It is always easier to build up a financial empire the second time, with all your contacts already in place. Don't forget your best friends (the military industrial complex and the hostile corporate takeover)!

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2/20	11 am	Pet Therapy	Ely Lobby 100
2/20	3 pm	Benecos Study Skills—Time Management	Benecos Center
2/20	4:30 pm	Study Abroad Fair	Loughman Liv. Rm
2/20	5:30 pm	Students vs. Food Eating Contest	Dining Commons
2/20	7:30 pm	Hockey vs. UMASS Dartmouth w/ shuttles	Amelia Park
2/20-22	8 pm	STA's All Clear Production also 2:30 2/22	Ely Studio Theatre
2/21-22	7:30 pm	Vagina Monologues	Dever Stage
2/21-23	9 pm	Hunger Games: Catching Fire (2 pm 2/22-23)	Owl's Nest
2/22	1 pm	Women's Basketball vs. Fitchburg	Woodward Center
2/22	3 pm	Men's Basketball vs. Fitchburg	Woodward Center
2/24	12 pm	Blood Pressure Screening (ends at 1 pm)	Dining Commons
2/24	7:30 pm	Big George: One Woman Show about Georgetta Holmes Stevens	Dever Stage
2/26	9a-1p	Trivia at DD's	Ely Garden Level
2/26	3:30 pm	Steve Edwards Reading	Scanlon Banq. Hall
2/27	4 pm	The Journey To Graduate School	Owl's Nest
2/28	By 5 pm	\$200 Room Reservation Deposit Duell	Res Life Office
3/2	3 pm	Westfield Festival Of Music	Dever Stage

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Fri & Sat 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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Sat & Sun 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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Mon - Thurs 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Fri 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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
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Students frustrated with city's response to Western Avenue's multitude of potholes

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

The potholes are back. Students all across campus are lamenting the return of the holes in the road that have resulted in flat tires, trips to the mechanic, and drained bank accounts.

These nuisances are created in a multi-step process. First, water gets underneath the surface of the road and freezes. The freezing expands the asphalt. When the frozen water thaws, the weakened road surface contracts.

They usually appear in the springtime when the ice thaws and the snow melts, but they have made an early appearance this year.

All last week, Western Avenue was dotted up and down with potholes and cones. Many members of the Westfield State community have had negative experiences with the conditions of the roads.

Joshua Minardi, a sophomore environmental science major, said that the potholes are the bane of society.

"I pulled out of South Lot and I was headed toward Commuter so I could

unload my car. I hit one of the huge potholes about where the Apartments are," he said.

"I noticed my car was drifting toward the right so I pulled off to the side and I realized that not only were my tires out of alignment, but my back right tire had a bent rim."

The repairs cost him about \$150 but he has not submitted the bill to the city because he "didn't want to deal with that bullsh*t."

Students across campus called the potholes "unreal," "ridiculous," and "brutal."

A city official told The Westfield Voice that they place three to four phone calls and send emails to the city department of public works. They also questioned why the city had such poor infrastructure.

Their calls and emails went unanswered until Monday when public works crews showed up on Western Avenue to make attempts to fill the potholes.

Repairs to Western Avenue included gravel being applied to the potholes, cones placed in the deeper holes, and two signs on each end of the treacherous parts of the street saying "Use At Own Risk."

Typically, potholes are filled

with a "hot mix" in the springtime. This hot mix consists of asphalt, which hardens and becomes part of the road surface.

A repair costs on average \$3 to \$9 for temporary fixes, \$1,500 for more permanent fixes.

Some municipalities have instituted electronic processes to report potholes, but so far, Westfield does not have such a system. Phone calls and emails to the department of public works is the only method of reporting potholes. Have you hit potholes and popped a tire? Tell us about it? Email thevoice@westfield.ma.edu to share your story.



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EMILY HANSHAW, Managing Editor

News from other schools

The Daily Collegian, U OF MASS., AMHERST

The UMass Board of Trustees announced this month that it would delegate \$148 million of it's own funds to student financial aid. The announcement was made by President Robert Caret.

The Harvard Crimson, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

In light of the 2013 privacy scandal, the Electronic Communications Policy Task Force has recommended a university-wide privacy policy for electronic information.

The Daily Campus, UNIV. OF CONNECTICUT

A proposal by UConn Board of Trustees to raise housing fees by roughly 6.5 percent has been put aside for the time being.

The Daily Orange, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Syracuse men's basketball coach Jim Boeheim will not face any charges for his outburst during Saturday's game. He apologized and stated that he went too far during the game.

Westfield State mourns the loss of a member of the campus community

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

A Westfield State sophomore was found dead last Sunday in Stanley Park.

Kevin Friedland of Marshfield, Mass, 19, was found deep within the park by hikers and hitchhikers. He was a biology major.

Around 11 a.m. on Sunday, news outlets started reporting that a body was found in the park.

Westfield police did not know the identity of the body until the evening. There was no suspicion of foul play, but rather a suicide.

Confirmation that it was one of our own came Monday morning.

"This is a heartbreaking moment for the campus community, one that affects us all," said Dr. Elizabeth Preston, interim president, in an email to campus.

She continued, "We extend our deepest sympathies to Kevin's family and friends for their profound loss."

Students, faculty, and staff were abuzz Monday morning with their memo-



Kevin Friedland was found in Stanley Park this past Sunday morning. The campus plans to hold a vigil to honor him next Wednesday at Dever Stage.

ries and thoughts of Kevin.

At Tuesday's Student Government Association meeting, president Taylor Fote announced that a vigil is being planned.

The vigil is being put together by friends of Kevin, with the help of the Student Government;

Lammers Hall Council; Alycia Maffeo, Lammers Hall residence director; and Allison Gagne, University Hall residence director.

It will be held Wednesday, March 5 at 5 p.m. in the Dever Stage.

It will feature a PowerPoint presentation plus

an open-mic session where friends of Kevin can come up to speak about him. An informal session will be at the end for the same purpose.

Those interested in saying a few words about Kevin should email Andrew Morin at am5287@westfield.ma.edu.

The staff of The Westfield Voice was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Westfield State sophomore Kevin Friedland. We agree with interim president Elizabeth Preston's Monday morning statement in that this community has always banded together in the face of difficulty or adversity. We encourage all members of the Westfield State community to seek counseling if they are having a hard time with this event.

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Kevin Friedland.

Joe Muller

Nicholas Sanelli

Andrew Morin

John White

Dina Muller

Paul R. H.

Lewis Pacheco

Lyndon Letz

Matthew Carlin

Emily Hankins

Andrew Burke

student government

Substance advisory committee report ignites a debate during a historically short Student Government meeting

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

The Feb. 25 meeting of the Student Government was one for the record books. Coming in at under an hour, the meeting was still action packed.

Madame president, Taylor Fote, first accepted the resignation of Andrew Morin as Lammers Hall president. He was approved as a representative from the class of 2017 later in the meeting.

She then reminded the senators about the Horace Mann Awards on March 6.

Fote also reminded the hall councilors that members of the executive council, including herself, will be visiting hall council meetings. The purpose of their visits will be solely to check in with them to see how things are going.

An update on the Dunkin' Donuts ice situation was given. For a short period of time, there was a shortage of ice, but Sodexo has been travelling to Springfield to pick up 1,000 pounds of ice to accommodate the volume at the on-campus Dunkin'.

Regarding the untimely death of Kevin Friedland, Fote also announced that a vigil would be taking place in his honor. While the details still need to be worked out, the vigil will be put together by Fote, Andrew Morin, and a small committee of students who were close with Friedland.

Stone Koury, student trustee, gave his report

next. He reminded the senators about Public Higher Education Advocacy Day, which is March 5. There is still time to sign up to go on the trip to Boston. All students are interested should email trustee.sga@westfield.ma.edu.

The next meeting of the board of trustees will be March 3. This is the make-up from the February meeting that was postponed due to the snow.

Tom Durkee, representative of the class of 2014 and chairman of the Food Services Committee, announced that the "Dish on the DC" event was postponed due to a scheduling error.

The most contention during the meeting came during the Substance Advisory Committee report, given by University Hall president Justin Connolly.

Connolly mentioned that the committee is considering banning e-cigarettes and "marijuana pens." A marijuana pen is essentially an e-cigarette but filled with THC oil, instead of tobacco, clarified Ryan Losco, class of 2016 president.

He also mentioned that the committee discussed the smoking gazebos and their contradiction with the campus-wide no-tobacco policy. Confusion followed.

Joshua Clark, representative-at-large, asked whether the gazebos were to be taken off campus or added to the policy.

Connolly responded that they are to be demol-

ished, but vice president of student life Rebecca DiVico, clarified his response.

She said that they are not necessarily looking to demolish the gazebos, merely looking at whether they fit into the policy.

She also added that the committee is primarily looking at the issue of e-cigarettes and marijuana pens, rather than the gazebos.

After an intense back-and-forth regarding what the no-tobacco policy is and if the gazebos are in fact being demolished, Olivia Dumas, representative-at-large, motioned to close the speakers' list, which was approved.

Substance Advisory Committee meets Fridays at 2:30 p.m. in the Counseling Center in the Lammers Hall Annex.

Andrew McCormack, vice president of academic life, reported that the advising process would be starting soon. Course booklets will be released in print by the end of the week.

Courses for fall 2014 are already available on MyWestfield with PDF versions of the booklet on the registrar's website.

Alexis Wagner, executive secretary, announced that election signature papers would be released soon. They will be available March 23, being due back on April 4.

For the first time, Student Government will be holding a "pizza with the candidates" event. Being held April 15 from 4 p.m.

to 5 p.m., the student body will be able to meet and greet with the candidates.

Rich Darrach, president of the class of 2015, announced that t-shirt sales would begin soon. The shirts will be \$10 and cash is the only form of payment

accepted.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be on March 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of the Ely Campus Center by Dunkin' Donuts.

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Study abroad fair offers a chance for students to 'go global'



Lydia Grossi
Voice Reporter

On the evening of Feb. 20, 2014, a study abroad/away fair was hosted by the International Programs office in the Scanlon Banquet Hall. The fair gave Westfield students a chance to check out the International Programs and Study Abroad providers.

Many students who were present were looking into either studying abroad for a semester, doing a short-term study abroad, and being involved with the National Student Exchange programs.

Going into the fair, the different booths displayed the vast opportunities that a Westfield student could look into. A lot of students were curious about how to apply, how much money it would cost to study abroad, and more.

There were also a couple providers to different places a student could go through in order to travel to their

choice of destination.

The providers that were there included CISabroad and Academic Programs International (API), to name a few. API was the company that gave the most inclusive and highest quality study abroad experience for the best price.

It offered study abroad programs year-round in 18 countries, and in 40 cities. It also offered high-quality language and culture programs for all levels of language learners. CISabroad offered affordable study abroad programs, and international internships. In addition, it offered the chance to work overseas for a month or even a year.

Through CISabroad, internships can improve foreign language proficiency, enhance a resume, and break out of the academic routine. The opportunities were abundant and the places to visit, learn, and grow from were endless. Some choices offered were to study abroad in beautiful

Florence, Italy, Australia, Poland, and Ireland.

One graduate student, Kaylie Adams, who studied abroad in Australia, told of her experience, saying, "It was life changing. I came back a whole different person."

If a student was interested in doing a National Student Exchange program, the benefits offered were very great. Some may wonder, why exchange?

Through the national student exchange, students can study for a single term or an academic year at another campus in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Guam. During an exchange, one will live and learn in a different area, acquire life skills, look for future employment, and break out of their comfort zone.

Overall, the study abroad/away fair was informational and enlightening for any Westfield student who is looking to travel abroad and expand their knowledge.

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Arbitration Complete in Danek Grievance

Natalie Shaw
Staff Reporter

On April 6, 1993, Peter Mazza, Vice-President for Student Affairs, formally discharged Police Officer Anthony Danek from employment at Westfield State College over complaints received from George Sicaras, Executive Director of Public Safety, and various students of that term. Recently, after a little more than two years, a grievance which was filed by Danek through the AFSCME (Union), questioning if the college had just cause in discharging Danek, has been settled. Timothy Buckalew, the residing arbitrator from the American Arbitration Association, in his April 12, 1995 decision, concluded that Westfield State College did in fact have just cause for the removal of Danek from employment.

In a statement of charges, submitted to Mazza on April 6, 1993, Sicaras listed 15 separate offenses committed by Danek which he considered to be grounds for Danek's immediate dismissal. The charges included incidents in which Danek was either offensive or insensitive when dealing with students, insubordinate to superiors,

or engaged in conduct unbecoming a campus police officer.

"Students are like any other citizens," commented Sicaras, "they should be treated with courtesy. If (a campus police officer) doesn't provide the services to students, which are required, without this courtesy, then they should not be here."

Arbitrations over this grievance were conducted on March 30, June 8, October 17, October 18, and October 28, 1994. After discussions with both parties, Buckalew, in his April 12, 1995 decision, stated that there was sufficient evidence to support many, but not all, of Sicaras's formal charges. This, compounded with Danek's disciplinary record, led Buckalew to deny Danek's grievance and affirm that there was just cause for dismissal.

"I think it took a long time to reach a decision. It shouldn't have taken as long as it did. They had five days of arbitration in two years. The decision should've come earlier," said one student of the length of the grievance.

Another student concurred, "The amount of time it took for this grievance to be resolved is a disgusting abuse of the appeal system for state employees who have been fired."

Dr. Savignano Takes New Post

On May 22, 1972, the Massachusetts State College Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Leonard J. Savignano to be directorship of a newly created Center of International Education in the state college system. Dr. Savignano was also named to the position of Commonwealth Professor of International Education, the first such top-ranked chair in the system.

The Westfield State College president, resigning after leading the western Massachusetts institution since 1961, has long been active in professional and governmental organizations aimed at developing international education. He has served as a representative to numerous international education conferences in South and Central America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia, and has been honored by the Greek and Nicaraguan governments for contributions to education there. He is a member of the international education committee of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. He is also the state's representative to that organization. He has served on the Commission for the Assessment of Intercultural Contributions of American Sponsored Overseas Schools, a study group backed by the American Association of School Administrators.

In announcing the establishment of the Center for International Education, John M. Cataldo, past chairman of the State College Board of Trustees, said:

"We are extremely fortunate that an educator possessing Dr. Savignano's unique credentials in the international field has agreed to accept appointment to the Directorship." "As Commonwealth Professor of International Education, he will be in a position of leadership in an area that has long required development in the Massachusetts State College System. His contacts in Washington and overseas will enable the students and faculty members enrolled in our

state colleges to become more actively involved in international curricular affairs, overseas service, and international educational development."

When asked to comment on his new appointment, Dr. Savignano said:

"My acceptance of this new and challenging task fulfilled an earnest desire to extend the program Westfield State College already has in schools in Mexico and Italy. Our student teacher assignments and workshops in these countries are just a beginning of this concept for greater participation in international education."

"The Board of Trustees of the State College System has considered and has recognized the tremendous importance of international education programs."

In formulating plans for the center, Dr. Savignano will make contacts with federal and other agencies necessary to the development of long-range financial support for the center. His new post as director of the international education center will carry a salary of \$34,000 a year, the same level as a state college presidency.

Dr. Savignano will resign as head of Westfield State College effective September 1 but went on a paid leave of absence July 1 to develop plans for the international education center.

Since he took over Westfield State College, the campus has grown from two to eight buildings worth \$20 million. The student body has increased from 480 to over 2000 with another 1800 enrolled in the evening division. Major subject areas of curriculum have jumped from one, education, to 19 including all of the liberal arts. Faculty and administrators have risen from 32 to 165.

A presidential search committee has been formed to find a new president. In the interim period, Dr. Harry Becker has been chosen to serve as Interim Acting Chief Executive officer.

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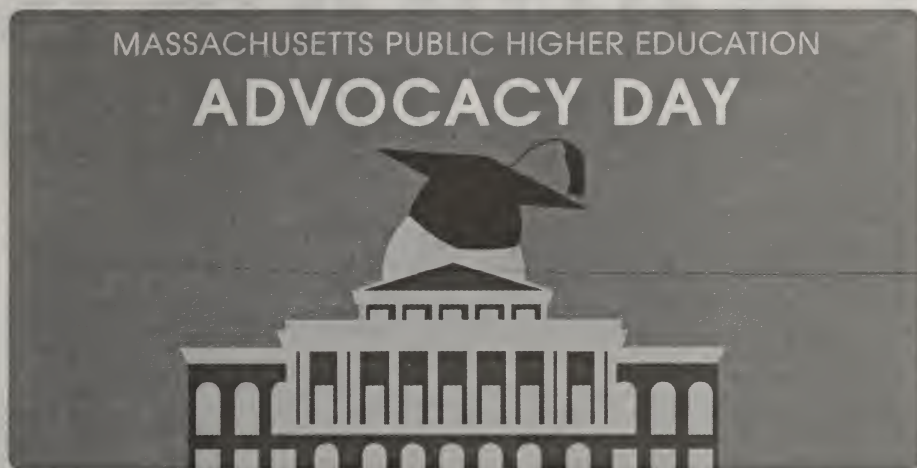
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Mass. Public Higher Education Advocacy Day to be held March 5

This upcoming Wednesday, March 5th, is Public Higher Education Advocacy Day. This is the third year this even which is credited with helping drive a \$100 million into the public higher education system this year, thus saving parents and students the amount in fee hikes. The goal of the meeting this year is to persuade legislators to keep investing in public higher education; this is to maintain the student fee freezes that has been in effect. Usually about 600 to 800 students, faculty and staff attend the Advocacy Day, which also gives training on how to effectively lobby and to get a more personal interaction with one's local representative.

The day is filled with a series of speakers, ceremonies, dining, and meetings with representatives and Senators. Students will break off into groups based on origins and institutional interests. All 29 state institutions will be at the state house sending their own representatives to persuade the state legislators on the 50/50 deal that was passed last year.



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RACE RUGH, Editor

The Conservative View

More promises or more lies?

Well, it looks like he is at it again! President Obama has yet again offered a promise, or a threat depending on how you look at it, that is nearly impossible to keep. This week, Obama told the Afghanistan government that US troops could potentially be completely pulled out of their country by years end.

CNN reports that as of the start of January this year, roughly 38,000 US servicemen and women are currently stationed in Afghanistan. This year will mark the 13th year that the US has militarily been involved in Afghanistan affairs, since the heinous crimes committed on 9/11.

The Obama administration is refusing to commit forces to stay behind the mass pull out this year until the Afghan government signs a security agreement with the US that would essentially give US Forces remaining after 2014 immunity from Afghan courts.

Afghan officials are demanding that after 2014, the US could not launch attacks without first consulting the Afghan authorities (however it actually hasn't been confirmed whether or not permission is actually required).

Finally the US said that is would not protect Afghanistan from an external

attack because of a potential outbreak of war with Pakistan.

Obviously both sides need to sit down have a long and serious talk about the future of Afghanistan and US relations. Politics aside, we need to determine what the realistic solution to the whole situation is.

On that note, we as the only effective military force left in Afghanistan (their military barley maintaining police duty) need to continue the fight against the terrorists within the Taliban. People, let's be real here.

There is NO WAY we can just leave. I want our men and women in uniform to come stateside ASAP; however we can not just carelessly leave when the fight still needs to be continued.

I do believe we need to reduce the military presence we have across the world and especially in the Middle East, but this is not the year. If we can keep a security force for one more year, then we can train the Afghan forces that will take over.

However, let me just clarify a point I made. Obama made in his first election a promise to the American people to get our troops back and to close "Gitmo". Let's review what



This past week Obama promised the Afgan government that US troops will pull out of the country by the end of the year. It remains to be seen if it will be upheld.



Matt Carlin
Asst. Managing Editor

he has done: he closed our prison for about a week or two; reopened it and instead of bringing troops back he pushed for a surge of forces and increased military operations in the Middle Eastern regions. So much for promises...

Now it's time for some quick hits from The Conser-

vative View:

A Glance at the World, A plane flying from Addis Ababa to Milan was hijacked by the Ethiopian copilot, who was seeking asylum in Switzerland. While the main pilot was using the restroom, the copilot locked the pilot out of the cockpit and left 200 concerned passengers outside watching the apparent pilot bang on the door.

The plane was escorted safely to Geneva by French and Italian fighter jets, since the Swiss Air Force doesn't operate flying after office hours.

The conflict in Syrian escalated again this week, with the Assad regime

bombing the city of Aleppo. The bombing has killed hundreds and has left thousands dislodged and sent refugees running all over the country to escape the civil war that has plagued the nation.

North Korea is being called out for crimes against its own people, with numerous cases of rape, murder, and torture on civilians for "minor infractions".

The UN report has called on the international community to step in and hold the government criminally responsible for this clear crime against humanity, before a "Stalinist" genocide begins under the North Korean regime.

From the Editor's Desk

Prospective students: Come to Westfield! But don't forget extra spare tires, a AAA subscription, and tons and tons of patience!



Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Imagine this scenario. You're driving down Western Avenue. It's nighttime and it's been raining. You can't really see the road too well because the streetlamps are dim.

All of a sudden you feel the car jerk downward on one side and you hear the heart-stopping sound of the top of your tire (while in motion) hitting the bottom of the wheel well.

At that instant, the tire pressure gauge comes on and your tire is now losing air quickly. By the time you park the car the tire is flat.

I did not just willy nilly come up with this scenario. It actually happened. To me.

But it is too much of a reality for other students, faculty, and residents of the Western Avenue area.

The city of Westfield has taken too long to repair the potholes that have plagued Western Avenue and other areas of the city. This begs the question, do the mayor and director of public works drive on the city streets?

Do they have daily interactions with the poor infrastructure of this city?

Do they even care to fix the roads?

One city official I spoke with



said that they place three to four calls daily with the department of public works on top of the emails that they are already sending—all of which are related to potholes within the city.

And getting your costs reimbursed by the city for damage done due to their negligence? Forget about it! According to this city official, they reject all claims right off the bat. Fighting it is the only way to get the money that is rightfully yours.

If Westfield residents cannot drive on streets that they pay for with their taxes, how are Westfield State students going to get anything accomplished?

I mean, Westfield residents do pay excise tax, right? If they do, and I know they do, where is all of that money going? It is very obvious that none of it goes toward repairing potholes.

Being a commuter, I have daily interactions with these road conditions. The amount of snow we've had in the last few weeks is enough to contend with, never mind inexcusably deteriorated roads.

I am sure the 2,000 other commuters have opinions on the potholes as well.

Monday was the first time

in my three years as a student here that I saw a DPW crew working on the potholes and they didn't really get anything accomplished.

The lasting impacts of Monday's rare DPW appearance are a "use at own risk" sign near the Stanley Park entrance and some gravel to fill the holes.

"Use at own risk?" Really?

There are two ways to get to the Westfield State campus. Both of them include Western Avenue. Coming from the easterly direction, which is how most people get to campus, you have the option of taking Franklin Street, Lloyd's Hill Road, Court Street, and Elm Street—all of which have debilitating potholes.

From the westerly direction, you can come from Route 20 onto Western Avenue, but as I said, potholes are still present.

There is no way to get to campus that does not involve potholes. If this same issue happened in the city of Chicopee, where I am from, there would be protests in front of city hall.

Chicopee actually uses an electronic system that allows residents to report potholes, burnt out streetlamps, defective stoplights, and other issues



PHOTOS BY JOSHUA CLARK



(Top left) Pothole on Kensington Avenue, a street typically used to access Western Avenue. (Top right) Cones have been a mainstay on Western Avenue as of late. (Above) Potholes have also surfaced on campus, this one is amongst at least four others on Ely Road.

with the roads.

It's time for Westfield city officials to wake up and take responsibility for their lack of action.

Contact Daniel Knapik, mayor: 413-572-6200.

Contact Jim Mulvenna, director of public works: 413-572-6226.

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Changing Lenses

Where is White History Month?

When you were young, Black History Month was a time for poorly cited biographies on influential black Americans, who were known for their contributions to society in America. Commonly the names that wallpapered elementary, middle, and high schools were that of Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King Jr., Sojourner Truth, Malcolm X, and Rosa Parks. When you were young, maybe you questioned the importance of the month, why the nation observed the merits of a race of a particular people for one month out of the year. Now that you've grown, maybe you find yourself asking a different line of questions. Particularly, why isn't there a White History Month? "That's not fair," you interject, "that's bigoted to exclude white people."

So, where's White History Month?

Let's change lenses, shall we? You might not have noticed, but every other month out of the year is White History Month. The fact of the matter is that the history taught in public schools across the United States is written from a white, Eurocentric standpoint. As we all know, the victors of history write from their perspective. Who are the victors? In America, that would be the typical white, cisgendered, Anglo-Saxon male. Dominating most institutions and arenas today, white men write the rules we live and play by. For all intents and purposes, White History is known more commonly as typical "American History."

A recent illustration that truly exemplifies the division between dominant white history and history viewed through a segregated (and thus subsequently marginalized) black lens is an episode of Jeopardy that recently caught flak. Competing for scholarship money on Jeopardy, three white students from universities in the United States were given Jeopardy's regular category board. What is so controversial here? The last category column, left completely untouched by the three students, was titled "African-American History." American History, however, when showcased on Jeopardy, is a category no one second-guesses his or her knowledge in. African-American History, in contrast? Well, this is why the three students chose to leave the entire category for last choice. If one were to base their decision grounded on education received through their academic careers, it is highly unlikely that the subject would be picked with confidence. In fact, in most institutions, history taught through anything other than the Eurocentric viewpoint is considered an elective. In some extreme cases, white privilege is Eurocentric history being taught as a core class and black or Hispanic history being banned as electives, like in Arizona's case, because such classes promote "the overthrow of the U.S. government, foster racial resentment, and advocate ethnic solidarity."

This, my friends, is an indictment of how the history we learn at schools is taught through a white



Jonelle Coutinho
Voice Columnist

lens; we know as much when we aren't comfortable being asked questions concerning history from another race or ethnic perspective. We know as much when history through any other lens is a limited option, if it is offered at all.

"The history books, which have almost completely ignored the contribution of the Negro in American history, have only served to intensify the Negro's sense of worthlessness and to augment the anachronistic doctrine of white supremacy." Despite making this statement over thirty years ago, MLK's analysis of American textbooks still rings true. Worse than that, however, is the subsequent line of thought that may occur in the average student. "Well," you say, "think of all of the contributions that white people have made. They deserve their slot in history. What is there to celebrate that black people have accomplished, in comparison? Not much."

We're going to dissect this train of thought. You most likely don't need a history lesson, but instead, let's re-examine the things you've already been taught in history classes. This is not even about the widespread stereotyping that

still exists today. What is being referenced here, instead, is the forces of hegemonic white institutions that have successively created a nation which rests on inequality after the fact. When you re-examine history and understand the disparity between the social means of whites versus blacks, you come to understand why historical contributions have largely been made by white men. Simply put, those who are black typically did not have the resources to influence history in any significant way, because the socioeconomic odds were against them. This is part of the reason why those African-Americans whose names are associated with history are so meaningful: they beat the odds that were stacked against them in a society, which was oppressive socially, economically, academically, and the like.

Tackling the historical aspect of the problem with White History Month isn't the only facet that should be explored in the conception of White History Month. The notion of "whiteness" also needs examination. Mary-Alice Daniel examines white identification best in *The History White People Need to Learn*. "Those who identify as white should start thinking about their inheritance of this identity and understand its implications... Whiteness was never about skin color or a natural inclination to stand with one's own; it was designed to racialize power and conveniently dehumanize outsiders and the enslaved. It has always been a calculated game with very real economic

motivations and benefits." Furthermore, "there is nothing in the designation as 'white' to be proud of." To be proud of being white, instead, means finding pride and a sense of satisfaction in the violent and cruel subjugation of those who are not included in this group of "white" people. To take arrogance in your whiteness, you are marginalizing the "other," sub-setting them beneath you, and taking pleasure in the atrocities committed against the "other" group, in this instance, black Americans. Being proud of being black, however, "means being proud of surviving this ostracism."

There is no racism in having a "Black History Month." It is not unfair to celebrate the contributions black Americans have made. Racism, for clarification, is the systematic devastation of an ethnic group at the hands of the majority. Racism does not "go both ways," when you remark that there should be a White History Month since there already exists a Black History Month, and it is because racism fundamentally underpins the success and accomplishment of the white majority at the sake of the disenfranchised, the black population. Furthermore, people who complain of, and censure race-specific celebrations or institutions that exist conveniently forget why they exist in the first place: to promote and foster development in marginalized groups that otherwise would be ignored by the majority.

Please, next February, remember why there isn't a White History Month.

Gentlemen's Weekly

Romantic and fiscally responsible date ideas

As all men know, while a relationship may be very rewarding, they can also be very expensive. Sure, being able to treat our loved ones to what they want; to be able to make them happy, is one step on the road to a healthy relationship.

But, we must also be able to treat our wallets once in a while, especially when you are a college student (which many of my readers are) with a limited income.

The good news is that dates don't need to be these lavish, expensive outings (we can't all be Frank Sinatra). In my experience, the creative, cheaper dates have been some of the best because they allow for you and your significant other to connect in new ways.

They're often more memorable than the standard dinner and a movie, and when a woman sees that you're more thoughtful, she won't care how much dough you spent on her (if she is a keeper, that is).

While these dates usually take some thought, below are seven of my favorite fiscally responsible options for when you're short on cash but still want to impress her with an unforgettable date.

First is Wine Tasting. Wineries are sprouting up everywhere these days. Most of these upstarts allow wine tasting for free or for a very small price (and often, the ones that charge let you keep the glass). Go and learn about different wines, what they pair well with, and keep mental notes on which varieties she enjoys the most. Knowing a woman's

preferred type of wine isn't as important as knowing her eye color or birthday, but it helps. As counter-intuitive as it may feel for those of us who see wasting alcohol as a mortal sin, make sure you use that spit bucket.

You're driving, you need to be responsible, and if you swallow every sip you're not going to be fit to drive her home. You don't have to spit every taste, but show restraint. She'll notice and appreciate it.

Hitting a flea market is another cheaper one that often gets overlooked. Unlike antique shops, flea markets seem geared toward the young and not as affluent. The merchandise is almost always more interesting if not downright weird (much of it could be considered tacky, which is a plus in my book). The same goes for those in attendance and those selling the goods.

You can watch people barter, look over pieces of furniture, and maybe pick up a small gift for your date if something catches her eye. If it's jewelry? Who knows, maybe it won't even turn her skin green (it could end up being some awesome treasure). Try and stick to outdoor flea markets that have a good reputation. Not those once in a blue moon indoor sales that charge you an arm and a leg just for admission. A great, local (somewhat) flea market is the Brimfield Antique Show in Brimfield, Mass.

Next is a Sunset Hike with a Post Pub Visit. Going for a meandering walk with no destination can be fun, but hiking to the top of an easy to get to peak



Joshua Minardi
Social Media Coordinator

to watch the sun go down gives you purpose. Keep it to less than 45 minutes though; you don't want to go on some epic journey only to have to stumble through the dark. Reward yourselves with a beer or a glass of wine afterwards at a cozy pub. This works terrific in the fall or early spring.

Mount Greylock, part of the Berkshires, is home to Bascom Lodge Summit House, where you can grab a brew and watch the sunset from the deck. It is absolutely amazing, and fairly romantic.

A photography-filled afternoon can be considered a "double dipper" of sorts. Most of us have relatives in other parts of the country (or world) and you can never know what to get them for their birthday or the holidays.

Go on a photo hunting expedition in your hometown for the places and scenes that best represent where you live. It doesn't have to be your hometown; it can also be a photo expedition of your region or wherever you want. When you're all done, pick some of the best and hit one of the many websites that allow you to share photos. Or maybe make a wall calendar (there are websites for that, too). At the same time, this gives you

and your special someone chances to create memories together.

Picnics are always at the top of the cheap and romantic date list. But mixing in a leisurely, long bike ride can make a nice difference. It's relaxing; you get to enjoy some scenery on the way, and it's far more romantic and engaging when compared to fighting through traffic and finding a place to park.

Keep the menu simple; know any open container laws that might apply to your picnic destination, and make sure you've got a backpack and bike gear rack that can handle your load. Take a bike lock with you. You might end up taking a detour on the way home at an ice cream parlor (or some other treat).

Now, this next idea isn't for everyone. I've always had luck with it, but that may be because there is a decent amount of history in my hometown (and the surrounding areas). Almost always free, historical walking tours actually make you stop and appreciate the history that you drive by every day.

Usually, these tours are led by volunteers who dress in a specific time period's clothing (sometimes acting the part of an actual historical figure), and the buildings and their stories are never boring. Both the guides and history will provide for plenty of conversation at the café or bar afterward. Nostalgia, history, architecture, and an appreciation for the past...it's all wrapped up in one of these on-foot freebies.

I have saved the best for last, and this one is

about as romantic as it gets. It is one that I have done many times and have never once had a bad experience with. Staying in and making dinner is as romantic as it gets, but the part that adds that little bit extra is hitting up the local farmers market that morning.

Stroll past the different vendors, assembling a pile of fresh local ingredients that you can use that evening. You don't have to get everything at the market.

Maybe just the foundation item for each course – a couple of bunches of kale to sauté up with some olive oil and garlic, a couple of local, organic chicken breasts that will be plenty easy to stuff, and some berries to pair up with shortcake for dessert. Get creative, then use the middle of the day to find some easy recipes and pick up the rest of the ingredients you'll need.

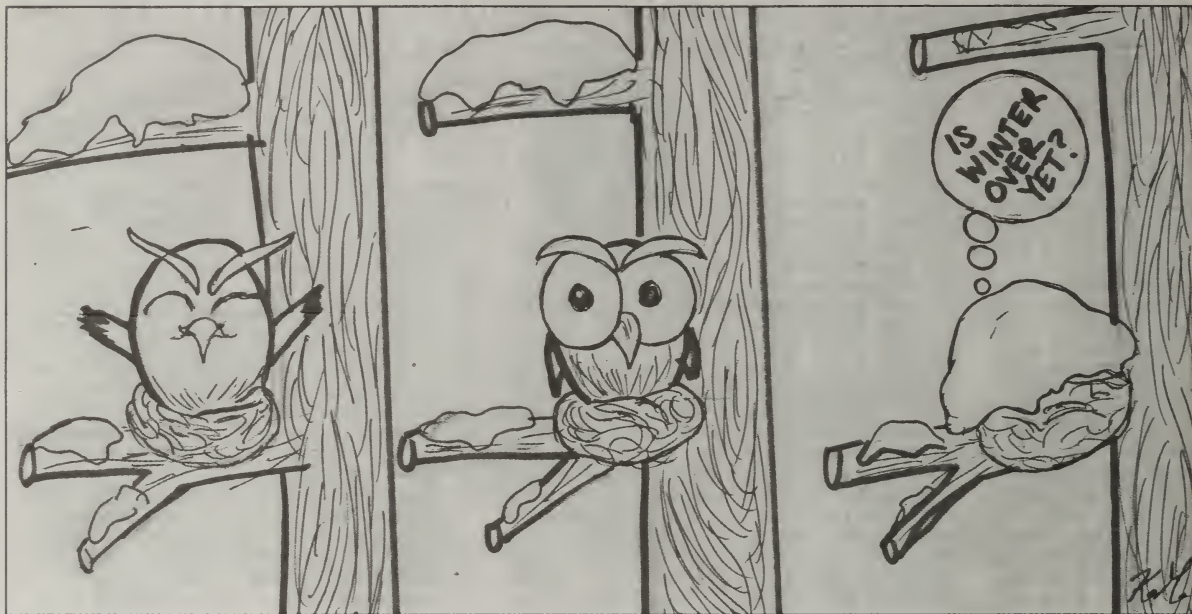
From May to October, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays), there is an amazing farmers market in Forest Park, Springfield, Mass. The vendors are all local with incredible products and fair prices.

There are hundreds of relatively cheap things that are amazing, romantic, and memorable date ideas, they just take some time to think of. I hope that I have been able to give you a few ideas for activities to do with your special someone. Have a nice week everyone.

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Nestor's Nest

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The Seventh Side: Your Weekly Dose of Satire

Sind T. Zelony and his take on the WSU crime log

Dear people who are so bored that they read the crime log,

I've taken up the habit of taking a look at the Public Safety Crime Log whenever it comes up in the paper here. It interests me to know the extra-curricular activities our productive future criminal, government, and corporate stooges are up to. Last week it came up, and I was sincerely concerned with what I saw.

The numbers are off. The ratios of one crime to another so far are terribly off, whatever they are (I didn't really check, I just decided to glance and see what it looked like on the page. Then I got inspired). It just doesn't feel right, and isn't that what mat-

ters? That our crime records give us a little tingling sensation inside? It's like tickling, except it's based off of the suffering and victimization of people we likely don't care about too much.

Do you remember the good old days? The days when we didn't even have to read the crime log? We knew it was just going to be a bunch of drunkards, and we were collectively ok with that because of our societal tolerance of alcohol abuse, because this is a college setting. There was the occasional drug law violation, but that was maybe a couple per week. Perhaps it's just nostalgia settling in.

People who want to get kicked off this campus;

Sind T. Zelony Not an A&E Editor

could you please do your friendly columnist here a favor? Could you all organize your activities so that all of the drug law violations appear one right after the other, and all of the liquor law violations appear one right after the other, and so on? It's not that hard, I promise. I mean in the log released Nov. 22; you all strung up ten liquor law violations in a row. It would be fifteen in a row if some idiot on Parenzo road didn't get arrested for drugs, and that might just be a new record. Consistency is key, and if this keeps up Westfield might lose its reputation (I'm not all that

certain what the reputation of Westfield regarding crime is. It probably is pretty good, actually).

Those were the days. Now we have topping the page a string of incidents that ranged over the last semester "Rape, Assault and Battery/Domestic, Destruction of Property, and Witness Intimidation." How are we as a college community supposed to sweep something like that under the rug whenever a serious crime happens on our campus? The Olympics are wrapping up, so we won't have any sports to distract us. Before, if something like that were to happen, we would still be high (figuratively, of course) off of the Red Sox World Series win, so we didn't

care as much. Those of us in the general public were focused on Dobelle, and nothing else (does anybody remember that guy who was arrested for kidnapping an exotic dancer and impersonating a police officer? Anybody?). We could channel our emotional and ultimately worthless notions of justice at that, instead of the three rapes, occasional assault and battery, and whatever else people get away with. Also, there was littering. We just can't have littering.

Oh, wait. Never mind. I recently learned that

see ZELONY on page 21

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Arts & Entertainment

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LEWIS PACHECO & LYNDON SEITZ, Editors

as of Feb. 26, 2014

Top 10 Singles

1. Katy Perry ft. Juicy J - Dark Horse
2. Pharrell Williams - Happy
3. Jason Derulo ft. 2 Chainz - Talk Dirty
4. A Great Big World - Say Something
5. Beyonce ft. Jay Z - Drunk in Love
6. OneRepublic - Counting Stars
7. Pitbull ft. Kesha - Timber
8. Bastille - Pompeii
9. Lorde - Team
10. Passenger - Let Her Go

Top 5 Albums

1. The Outsiders- Eric Church
2. Frozen Movie Soundtrack
3. NOW 49
4. Beyonce- Beyonce
5. Unorthodox Jukebox- Bruno Mars

Top 5 Movies

1. The LEGO Movie
2. 3 Days to Kill
3. Pompeii
4. RoboCop
5. The Monuments Men

Upcoming DVDs

1. The Hunger Games: Catching Fire
2. 12 Years a Slave
3. Enemies Closer
4. The Outsider
5. Homefront

Musical Theatre Guild does it again!

Andrew Morin
Asst. Online Editor

MTG directors, Wilson Belbin and Ryan Pound, had a tough act follow after such an impactful fall production of Rent. In spite of this fact, they directed a hilarious comedy called "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" that went up this past weekend in Juniper Park Elementary School. The show consists of several vignettes that revolve around the key themes of love and relationships. With few exceptions, the scenes stand independent of each other.

This unique style of a show, where the scenes do not come together to form one solid story, calls for very careful casting. The original Broadway production of this show only featured four performers.

However, with the help of musical directors, Kerry Turok and Kaleigh Kelleher, as well as Choreographer, Jen Guimond, the directors chose fifteen extremely talented students to star in the production. Each and every actor possessed talent and skill that shined in the show and had the audience constantly laughing.

Barrett Tamaren-Leddy, a senior, stunned everyone once more with his comedic acting skills and beautiful singing voice. He played quite a few roles

in the show and everyone agreed that he had one of the funniest moments, where he jumped out of a couple's bed to give them legal advice on the details of their love making.

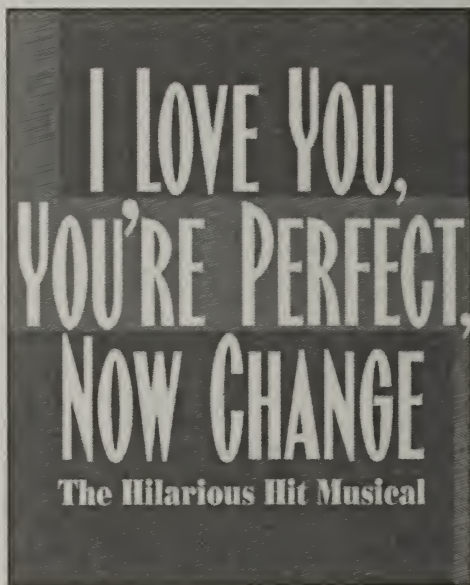
Dan Monopoli, another senior, also starred in his final MTG production. While he had the audience laughing in his Act I scene as the jailbird matchmaker scaring single, middle-aged adults into marriage, he had them in tears after being his Act II scene singing the solo number "Shouldn't I Be Less In Love With You?"

Other breakout performances included freshmen Morgan Doherty and Rachel Cofsky, who astounded everyone with their vocal ability and acting skills once again.

Both girls had lead roles in Rent during their first semester at Westfield and have continued to shine in MTG. Doherty's resonant singing voice never goes unnoticed and her talent as an actress was truly broadcasted in this show.

Cofsky's roles included singing certain pieces that she feared were out of her vocal range. However, after working extremely hard with the musical directors, she sang each piece beautifully and powerfully, proving her worth not only to the cast but also to herself.

Finally, junior, Tessa Newell blew the audience



away during her solo "I Will Be Loved Tonight" and her lengthy monologue as the heartbroken divorcee, Rose Ritz. Newell is the president-elect of MTG for the 2014-2015 school year and the community is looking forward to many more astounding performances from her as she excels in her leadership position.

Of course, no show can be put together without a diligent production staff. From the producers themselves, to the stage managers, to the costume and set designers, everyone pulled

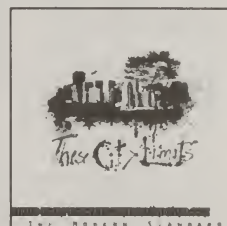
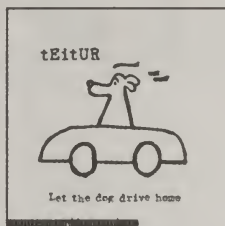
their weight to bring a great production to such a small space in a short amount of time.

Overall, the student run Musical Theatre Guild is doing quite well. With a brand new executive board elected for next year, they are now accepting director applications for the fall show.

If you are interested in getting involved with the club or auditioning for the fall, you are encouraged to contact Tessa Newell or any member of the executive board at any time.

Lyndon's Album Reviews

"Evergreen" is good mood music

**Lyndon Seitz**
A&E Editor

Taproot: The Episodes This album is an absolute mess. Can we have a rule that only Kanye and Daft Punk can use the robot voice from now on? This is painful to listen to, so very painful. I had a nightmare once, and it sounded like this album, except this album was slightly more demonic in nature. On occasion, it ceases to be the stuff of my nightmares and instead is just average nu-metal (not that far off in my opinion). Don't go near this album, there is nothing

good to offer you unless you are a masochist.

Tara Priya: Goodbye Romeo – Seven tracks of female vocal pop (except without the EDM you find in most pop music these days). There were tinges of both Amy Winehouse and Beyoncé in this album, with Winehouse probably coming across as the strongest influence. That being said, the songs just don't come out as being as strong as either of the artists I just mentioned, for no standout reason. If you're interested, check out the tracks "Southern Girl" and "Goodbye, Romeo;" they're

the best tracks and highly representative of the album in general.

Tarlton: Evergreens – This is a very soft album that reminds me a little of Radiohead except much more atmospheric. I mean this in the best possible way, and the music is very hauntingly beautiful when the listener is in the right mood (this is absolutely mood music, use when melancholy). The main criticism that can be levied against the album is that the album goes on you notice the repetition, particularly within the rhythms of the songs. I would recommend listening

to the tracks "Tapes" and "Cloisters" before getting the whole album, but if you like those tracks, you'll certainly like the rest.

Teitur: Let The Dog Drive Home – I can't say the album impressed me at all. The lyrics were above average for the average album I wound up listening to, but the lyrics were the best part of the album. Everything else was for the most part a repetitive collection of slow piano driven songs that attempt to evoke emotion while seeming to me to be relatively emotionless. If you're still interested, the best track on the album is

the closer, "All I Remember From Last Night is You." **These City Limits: The Modern Standards** – It's like they're trying to be AFI but are failing to quite a degree. They use screaming not as a device but more as a crutch on some tracks. Still, it is catchy at times and is superior to many of those that try to straddle the line between pop and metal. I found myself wanting to like it, but to me it just made too many mistakes. If you like this sort of music you might possibly enjoy it, but otherwise I'd recommend staying far away.

New Film at WSU!

Senior Latoyya Pleasant's documentary "Dear Little Brown Girl" comes to Westfield State

Latoyya Pleasant
Voice Reporter

Westfield State senior, LaToyya Pleasant, is embarking on a new venture for her last semester as an undergrad student majoring in Ethnic and Gender Studies and Communications. Pleasant has been working on a documentary called, "Dear Little Brown Girl," a film centered on exploring the ways in which we as a people define brown and black women in Amer-

ica as well as the way others define us. This film is a continuation of her Fall 2013 Capstone Project titled "There's Two Sides to Every Image."

As the director, Pleasant will focus this film on topics such as beauty, lifestyles, media influence, intimate and platonic relationships, and cultural standpoints of, between, and about brown women in America. This project begs the question: How did the cultural, literal, and figurative ideas

of brown and black women become shaped and influenced in your life? "Dear Little Brown Girl: A Visual Letter," seeks to inspire, educate, and empower us all as men and women.

There will be a casting call for everyone and anyone who is interested in participating on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 5p.m. in Mod Hall, room 110!

Feel free to bring a friend, and come with an open mind, thoughts, and ideas!



OPEN CALL!!

**"Dear Little Brown Girl" Documentary**

A discussion about Brown & Black Women in North Eastern Colleges

Hosted By LaToyya Pleasant
WSU Senior & Director

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Mod Hall 110

This is open to all women & men who would like to participate.

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Knowing to Cook

Looking forward to springtime cooking

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

With the temperature nearing 50 degrees yesterday, I could not help but think that spring is just around the corner. Once the weather begins to warm up, the backyard grills fire up, the seeds in the garden are planted, and the flowers begin to bloom once again. At my home in Franklin, we have a string of wild strawberries that grow around the holly bush in our front yard. Often when they have matured, my mother will pick them and add them to a fruit tart or salad. They are wonderfully ripe and juicy.

Last week I discussed comfort food and about how it is a heavier and more traditional type of cooking. I also mentioned that springtime is the time for experimentation. Vegetables are starting to grow again as the ground thaws and there is no longer a need to heat the house with a large pot roast. Now it is time for the lighter fare, like fish and salads.

Spring is also the time when local farms begin to work again and with that comes more locally grown produce. People flock to farm stands and markets to get the freshest of ingredients to add to their evening meal.

When my parents were growing up in the city of Boston, Haymarket was the greatest place to get all of your produce. Open every Friday and Saturday from dawn till dusk, Haymarket was and is a mecca for local metro-Boston farms and shops to showcase the best of

what they have. Fishermen bring in the days catch, butchers recommend what meat would go best with the vegetables, wine sellers pick the best wine for your meal, and so on and so forth. There are cheese stands, vegetables stands, fruits stands, and bread stands. It is the best way for the people of Boston who don't have the room to plant a garden of their own to come and buy the freshest of produce.

Over the years, I have found myself grow increasingly interested in farming. There is something very satisfying to me about raising your own livestock and growing your own food. A farm is the true food lovers' paradise. Everything you need is at your disposal and you get the satisfaction of knowing that what you just cooked came from your own back yard. This idea of self-sufficiency is a characteristic of New England.

This region started off as a farming settlement and in those days the only way to provide for yourself was through yourself. There was also a stronger sense of community then. Men would build houses and barns together and work the farm. Children would work on the farm and play. The women would cook and maintain the house.

Today, life has become overcomplicated. We want to know every detail of every little thing instead of savoring everything that is beautifully simple, like farms and nature. I believe that if we as a country can understand that overcomplicating everything leads to an unhealthy state and that living a simple life is

more rewarding than a life of complications, then we will improve as a country.

Springtime is the time to bring forth new ideas and is time for growth. So, enjoy this original recipe for Roasted Garlic and Cherry Tomato Soup!

Buona Tavola!

ROASTED GARLIC & CHERRY TOMATO SOUP

Ingredients

20-30 ripe cherry tomatoes

1 head of garlic
½ an onion, chopped
1 tsp. salt and black pepper

Red pepper flakes
Dill (only a little)
1 cup chicken or vegetable stock
Olive oil
Butter

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

2. Peel away the outer layers of the garlic bulb skin, leaving the skins of the individual cloves intact. Using a knife, cut off 1/4 to a 1/2 inch of the top of cloves, exposing the individual cloves of garlic.

3. Wrap the garlic in aluminum foil and drizzle a few teaspoons of olive oil over it.

4. Place the wrapped garlic on a baking sheet and bake for 30-35 minutes.

5. As the garlic bakes, slice up the cherry tomatoes and half an onion and place them in a bowl.

6. Add olive oil, salt, pepper, red pepper flakes, and dill. Mix well.

7. On medium high heat, melt about a ¼ cup of

butter in a medium sized pot.

8. Once the butter is bubbling add the cherry tomato mix and cook until the tomatoes break apart.

9. Add the chicken or vegetable stock and bring to a boil.

Note: A blender or emulsifier is required for the next step.

10. Once the garlic is finished, remove it from the oven, open the foil, and squeeze the garlic head.

All of the cloves should fall out into the soup. If not, put the garlic back in the oven for another 10 minutes.

11. Take an emulsifier or blender and puree the soup until it has a smooth consistency.

12. Serve hot with warm bread.

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ANDREW BURKE, Editor

Owls Sports

Hockey enters postseason as one of the hottest teams



Senior forward Tyler Prendergast was able to net the go ahead goal in the second period in the Owl's win against Worcester. He also scored in the first period.

Derek Ditmars Voice Reporter

The Owls men's hockey team finished their season this past week starting with a game against UMass Dartmouth and finishing with a game against Plymouth State.

It was Breast Cancer Awareness night at Amelia Park against UMass Dartmouth, and there certainly was a lot of "Pink in the Rink".

After an offensive outburst that put the Corsairs

up 2-0, the Owls quickly answered with a pair of goals from senior Taylor Murphy (Toronto, ON), and freshman Jackson Leef (Fort Wayne, IN). The goals were scored forty-three seconds apart to close out the first period.

UMass Dartmouth was whistled for seven penalties, which Westfield State failed to capitalize on until Vince Perreault (Braeside, ON) put in the game winner on a power play late in the third.

For the last five minutes

of the third period, both teams upped their physical play in search of a crucial MASCAC divisional win. UMass was gaining momentum until junior Todd Gerberts' (Surrey, BC) final shift, where he hit any Corsair in the same zip code as the puck.

Dalton Jay added an empty netter to seal the victory for the Owls, 5-3. This game moves Westfield State towards the upper echelon of the MASCAC division with only two games remaining.

The regular season came to an end for the Owls men's hockey team on Tuesday, February 25. Westfield State lost to the Plymouth State Panthers 5-2.

With this loss, Westfield State has dropped from a potential first place in the MASCAC standings, to third, costing themselves a first round bye. Despite the score, the game was deceptively close throughout. Westfield opened the game up with a goal from Maxime Richard (Trois-Rivieres, QC) thirty-three seconds into the game putting the Owls up 1-0.

Roughly two minutes after Richard's goal, fellow freshman Jackson Leef scored to put the Owls up 2-0, a picture perfect start to their season finale. Both Richard's and Leef's goals were assisted by the Owls workhorse Vince Perrault.

The Owls, however, could not sustain their explosive start, giving up a momentum changing goal to Plymouth States' Josh Woody (Sunderland, MD) with under a minute left in the first period. Senior Taylor Murphy (Toronto, ON) was the Owls main source of offense in the second period. Murphy had numerous shots and chances but never seemed to get the right bounces to bury a goal.

The Panthers took advantage of Westfield's of-

fensive mishaps and scored two goals in the second period to turn the game around in their favor. In the third period Plymouth State outplayed, out shot, and out possessed Westfield State, but the game remained 3-2, even with the Owls being shorthanded twice.

With about two minutes remaining in the game a crucial turnover in the defensive zone allowed junior Mike Freitag (Westmont, IL) a free shot on goalie Ian Perrier, (Whitehorse, YT) which he buried low glove side to put the Panthers up, 4-2.

Plymouth State added on an empty netter late to bring the final score to 5-2, Panthers. Not the picture perfect ending to the season for Head Coach Bob Miele and the Westfield State hockey team, but the Owls have to like their chances in the MASCAC Tournament.

Westfield has proven they can hang with the best, and winning 3 out of their last 4 games makes them a hot team headed into the postseason.

The Owls will play their opening game in the MASCAC tournament Saturday, March 1, at 5:35 PM against Worcester State. They are 3-0 against the Lancers, outscoring them 16 to 5 this year so they are favored in this matchup.

A great franchise's recent fall from NBA grace



Rajon Rondo and the Boston Celtics are having a difficult season, but hope to rebuild their roster in the coming years and recover the franchise's historic atmosphere.

Justin Yanich

Voice Reporter

17 NBA Championships.

That's what the Celtics have brought to this sport fanatic city of Boston. They are the Yankees of the NBA. The name is synonymous with winning championships, not scraping to make it to .500.

Sadly, over the past 20 years the franchise has not lived up to the reputation. When my dad and his generation grew up, they watched Bill Russell lead his team to 11 Championships. Along with Russell he watched John Havlicek make his way to number one on the Celtics' scoring list, and along the way winning a few more rings. Not long after the era of Russell and Havlicek, the "Big Three" era made its way to Boston.

With arguably one of the best shooters and players of all time in Larry Bird, along with Forward John McHale, and Center Rob-

ert Parish the Celtics just kept winning. By 1986 they had won 16 NBA Championships. Head and shoulders above any other team in the league, but after one of the best seasons a team has ever had in the 1985-86 season the Celtics fell into a rut. The franchise went 20 years without another title. They were able to win one in 2007 with some front office magic by Danny Ainge bringing another "Big Three" with Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett, and Ray Allen. But this "Big Three" has faded away, some left for money, others left due to questionable trades. This has left the team very weak. It has been seven years before anyone in green has raised the Larry O'Brien trophy, and the team this year is as bad as they have probably ever been.

With the lack of a leader and a true scorer the team just can't win any games. However, the team has building blocks and a good foundation that they can build around. The front of-

fice believes that they basically need to have a really bad season or two, and they can get a few good draft picks to build around what good players they have.

Personally, I hate this approach. When a team can't win players start wanting out of that city, so they could end up losing their foundation. In addition, it just ruins the Boston Celtic name. With Rajon Rondo, and young players like Jeff Green and Jared Sullinger, the Celtics can build a team by bringing in different pieces. The thing is, they need to spend some money or trade their draft picks.

A player who always seems like is being rumored in trade talks is Demarcus Cousins from the Sacramento Kings. He is an inside force on defense, he can clog the lane which is something they desperately need. One of the reasons Boston was so effective on defense in 2007 was because they had a solid man down low in Kendrick Perkins. I

believe they lost the 2009 finals against the Lakers because after they traded Perkins they couldn't guard well down low.

What makes him better for the Celtics than Perk is that he is a very effective inside scorer. A lot of teams feel like Cousins is not worth the risk due to a history of locker room issues. However, with a young, progressive coach like Brad Stevens, I feel Cousins would fit right in to their system because they need a force down low. If they don't want to trade they could pick up another big name in Danny Granger, his contract expires this year because he serves little purpose in Philadelphia. He reminds me of a younger Paul Pierce and with Green at the small forward, that would be a deadly scoring

combination.

If they were to pick up Cousins or Granger, while both players play extremely different roles, it would give them the pieces to become an elite team. It gives them more scoring options, because Rajon Rondo has serious trouble shooting and Jeff Green is very streaky. Other than that, the Celtic's generally cannot put points on the board.

The best match would be to spend some money to pick up Granger. He really does play like a Paul Pierce in his prime, and that is something Boston really misses since they dealt him to the Nets. If the Celtics want to see success soon, they will make some deals instead of just rolling the dice and hope they get a high draft pick that will work out.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, February 20th
M Ice Hockey vs UMass
Dartmouth W 5-3

Friday, February 21st
M/W New England D-III
Championships
M-17th/W-15th Place

Saturday, February 22nd
W Bball vs. Fitchburg
State W 70-47
M Bball vs. Fitchburg
State W 86-52
Ice Hockey at Worcester
State W 5-2

Tuesday, February 25th
Ice Hockey vs. Plymouth
State L 2-5
M Bball at MASCAC
Quarterfinals L 67-89

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, February 27th
W Bball vs Framingham
State 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 28th
2/28-3/1 M/W Track at All
New England Championships

Saturday, March 1st
W Lacrosse vs Jonhson &
Wales 1:00 p.m.
MASCAC W Bball championship
MASCAC quarterfinals
Ice Hockey

Tuesday, March 4th
W Lacrosse vs Western
New England 4:00 p.m.
MASCAC semifinals Ice
Hockey

What a Shocker! Should Wichita State be #1?

Jon Rebmann

Voice Reporter

With top-ranked Syracuse's losses to Duke and Boston College last week, Wichita State now remains the only undefeated team left in Division I. However, when many college hoops fans thought they would jump to the top spot in this week's AP Polls, they finished number two to the Florida Gators, who received 47 first place votes to Wichita State's 14 (Arizona received the other 4).

With their lackluster schedule, which is largely due to the fact they are in the "less than competitive" Missouri Valley Conference, they have hardly been able to argue their case to why they do deserve to be regarded as the top team in D-I. But who's to say they do deserve to be? Who's to say they even have a case?

One of the Shockers' toughest opponents this year has been Indiana State, who currently sits

at the #2 spot in the MVC with a 12-4 conference record and 21-7 overall. In the 68-48 win, Wichita State shot 43% from the floor, including a mere 20% from 3. However, they were able to hold the Sycamores to only 31% and committed only nine turnovers.

The Shockers also played Saint Louis earlier this season in a game in which many college hoops experts fail to note. This year, Saint Louis leads the Atlantic 10 with a 12-0 conference and 25-2 overall, with its only other loss coming at the hands of Wisconsin (who was undefeated at the time). In the 70-65 win over the Billikens, sophomore guard Ron Baker scored 22 points off six rebounds in a game where all five starters scored at least ten points and four rebounds. The Shockers also shot 42% from deep, as compared to Saint Louis, who only had 27% shooting from beyond the ark.

However, the Shockers also committed 18 turnovers, almost double their current season average of ten. Unfortunately, outside of these two games, the Shockers haven't played any other noteworthy teams.

However, the Shockers have proven that they have one quality that is rare to see in college hoops: they've been playing like a team. Wichita State has a lot of talent, but unlike most teams, there is no star player that carries them. Four of their starters are averaging at least ten points and four rebounds a game, with all of them averaging at least 44% from the field and 80% from the line and three of whom are averaging 35% from 3-point range, and it's because of this that they have collectively put up much impressive numbers. Sophomore guard Fred VanVleet, arguably the best all-around player on the team, is averaging 12.4 PPG, 4.1 RPG,



Wichita State is coming off of a Final Four run last season, but have higher hopes this year. As the only team to be 30-0 in the regular season in NCAA history, they want to finish with a championship.

5.3 APG, and 2.0 SPG. And even then, he's only third in PPG and second in RPG for the Shockers. As a team, the Shockers are averaging 75.8 PPG combined with 38.7 RPG, good for 65th and 27th in the nation, re-

spectively.

While it is true that Florida may not be the best team this year, that doesn't necessarily mean that Wichita State is either.

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The sissification of American baseball

Matthew Carlin

Asst. Managing Editor

Well, Well, Well. It looks my voice has found a new section of the paper. It's not Op-Ed, however I think I could get used to it. Hello Sports fans! How the heck are ya?!

It's Matt Carlin here with my very narrow sports view! If anyone knows me, they know I enjoy the occasional football game, or even a college basketball March Madness final. However one sport that I will always be happy to talk about is America's Favorite Pastime: Baseball! (For future reference, any one who tries to write to the

editor negatively about the Red Sox will find it hard to write again)

Let's get to it! This week Major League Baseball announced a new "Home Plate Collision" rule that will take effect immediately. Here are the rules in case you weren't aware:

"1. A runner may not run out of a direct line to the plate in order to initiate contact with the catcher, or any player, covering the plate. If he does, the umpire can call him out even if the player taking the throw loses possession of the ball.

2. The catcher may not block the pathway of a runner attempting to score unless he has possession of the

ball. If the catcher blocks the runner before he has the ball, the umpire may call the runner safe.

3. All calls will be based on the umpire's judgment. The umpire will consider such factors as whether the runner made an effort to touch the plate and whether he lowered his shoulder or used his hands, elbows, or arms when approaching the catcher.

4. Runners are not required to slide, and catchers in possession of the ball are allowed to block the plate. However, runners who do slide and catchers who provide the runner with a lane will never be found in violation of the rule." - taken

from the official MLB website.

This is what I call a complete sissification of baseball. At first I thought it was only going to be the power puff National Football League, however now my beloved sport is taking a hit... or I guess lack thereof.

What is the MLB thinking?! This is just another issue that will cause endless lawsuits, poor game calls, and possible upsets for "violating" teams.

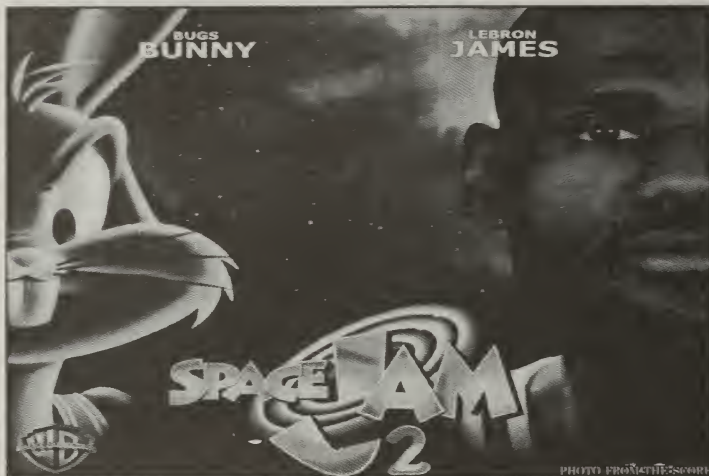
If I'm the catcher of the Boston Red Sox, and my outfielder is sending a cannon home to me, I will have the plate already blocked before that ball or the run-

ner gets to the plate, no questions asked. This won't solve any of the supposed issues of plate collisions, yes they happen and yes they are dangerous, but they are part of this game that we love and there is no use in trying to stop it.

The MLB has essentially opened up the "test run" of these new rules for the spring training that will have started before publication. MY prediction? These rules will be lightly enforced until a major collision occurs and then they will be revoked once they realize there is no real way to place "blame" on either player. It's just that simple.

Get Burked

Space Jam 2 was taken from us as quickly as it was given



Space Jam 2 existed for 5 hours on February 21, but the idea was quickly dismissed.

For five hours on February 21, every Looney Tunes and basketball fan had a mental breakdown. Could the decade of rumors of Space Jam 2 actually come into fruition? It was all too good to be true, and apparently it was.

Space Jam, a movie, along with The Sandlot, that defined my childhood is one that I can watch an endless amount of times. The umbrella hat that Bill Murray wears while playing golf with Larry Bird and Michael Jordan and Stan "fixing a divot" will stay with me forever. This movie is about as influential to creating the person I am today as anything else, and the news of a sequel brought out mixed emotions.

Space Jam 2 was as real as any other movie on Friday with "producers" being named and LeBron James as the leading actor. Charlie Ebersol, a producer on NFL Characters Unite, a documentary on four NFL stars and their



Andrew Burke
Sports Editor

stories, was named as the producer for this new film in a story from deadline.com.

Pandemonium ensued. Young adults were ecstatic that their childhood favorite was being remade and those same young adults were furious that their childhood favorite was being remade. People were saying, just as the 13-year-old girl who blocked Charles Barkley on the playground did, "Be gone wannabe, be gone!"

With LeBron James solidifying himself as the best player in the world, and having two championship rings under his

proverbial belt, it made perfect sense. It was also yet another way for LeBron to carry on in Michael Jordan's footsteps.

Space Jam 2 has picked up steam over the past couple of months with the score.com posting a hypothetical picture of LeBron with Bugs Bunny and a Space Jam mod in NBA 2K14, making it possible to play as the Tune Squad or the Monstars.

The hype was short lived after Brian Windhorst, and ESPN NBA analyst tweeted "Well it was fun while it lasted. LeBron sources refute Deadline report, there's no Space Jam 2 or Warner Bros. project in works."

When it really comes down to it though, it is for the better. Space Jam grossed about \$230 million worldwide and the effect it has had on culture could never be surpassed. At best, the sequel would be just as good.

The soundtrack gave us one of the best rap collabo-

rations of the 90s. B Real, Busta Rhymes, Coolio, Method Man, and LL Cool J all worked together to create Hit 'Em High, the Monstars anthem. The I Believe I Can Fly music video is R. Kelly walking through a cornfield with the movie playing behind him. And who hasn't memorized the first four lines of the theme song.

Everything about the movie was perfect. So perfect in fact that the website created in 1996 is exactly the same today as it was 18 years ago.

So perfect that Warner Brothers was able to get away with subtly asking Patrick Ewing if he had problems with his sex life stemming from his basketball talents being stolen.

So perfect that I still get goose bumps when Michael takes off from half-

court and turns into Mr. Fantastic, extending his arm to solidify the Tune Squad's 50-2 second half run and winning the game.

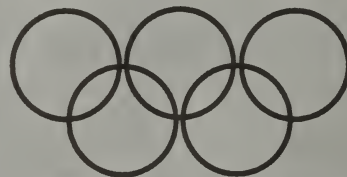
So perfect that the Harvard Sports Analysis Collective felt it was worthwhile to compile the box score and stats for each player.

The original movie featured Michael making a bet with Mr. Swackhammer, voiced by Danny DeVito, to give his NBA comrades their powers back if the Tune Squad won. A story like that can only be copied, not improved.

I guess the fact that Space Jam 2 was denied is a good thing, but the five hour long excitement was fun, and that will always stay with me.

However, legend that is Space Jam 2, starring LeBron James, will continue.

Final Sochi Medal Count



Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
RUSSIA	13	11	9	33
UNITED STATES	9	7	12	28
NORWAY	11	5	10	26
CANADA	10	10	5	20
NETHERLANDS	8	7	9	24
GERMANY	8	6	5	19
AUSTRIA	4	8	5	17
FRANCE	4	4	7	15
SWEDEN	2	7	6	15
CHINA	3	4	2	9
CZECH REPUBLIC	2	4	2	8
SLOVENIA	2	2	4	8
JAPAN	1	4	3	8
ITALY	0	2	6	8
SOUTH KOREA	3	3	2	8

Opinions & Editorials

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the pothole problem has become so horrific that it will sufficiently distract us from all of the above issues. "The Seventh Side" will bring you important opinions on this issue next week.

Sincerely having complete apathy in regards to your moral qualms and opinions about anything and everything,

Sind T. Zelony

Owls Sports

REBMANN, page 19

Syracuse is much more dominant and well-structured than any other team in Division I, and that if they did not lose to Boston College last week they would continue to be the clear front runner in the AP Poll. But, you just can't argue with a perfect record. It's not like college football where a team plays 12 games a season; Basketball teams play 30+ games a season, and they've managed to win every one up to this point, an accomplishment no other team was able to do this season (only ten other teams in history have started their season at 30-0).

The Shockers have been astonishingly consistent on offense, and on occasion have even proved that they can keep high scoring teams such as Indiana State under check. Not only do they deserve a #1 AP ranking, but also a #1 seed in the NCAA Tournament. They may not be the best team in D-I, but there's no doubt that they're the best team right now. The Shockers play their last regular season game against Missouri State on March 1 at 2:00 EST.

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2. How does the student use their influence in a positive way?
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All nominations are due by February 28, 2014 at 5 p.m.

Please send them to thevoice@westfield.ma.edu!

Horoscopes

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

First, you shall hear the words. Second, you shall feel the truth. Third, you shall smell your own defiance.

Fourth, you will see the light. Finally, you shall taste your freedom, and it will be spectacular.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

Stand in defiance of everything this week, even your own defiance. If you are confused by the idea of standing in defiance of your own defiance, then stand in defiance of your confusion along with everything you are standing against.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

Are you happy? You should be happy considering just how great your week is going to be. If you already are happy, then you should get even happier with the prospects for this week.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

I'm actually surprised at how faithful you have remained after all this time of horrible misfortune and misery that has befallen you. Unfortunately, your faith will go unrewarded; things are not going to lighten up all that much.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

Under no circumstances should you forget what you are meant to not forget. You cannot forget about it, except to remember the even more important thing that you must not forget. What is it? You must have forgotten.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

Be everything you yourself have wished someone else could be. You are that someone else; and that someone else is you. Everything is connected, and not with wires like in the distant future (but I divulge too many of the stars secrets, forgive me).

Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

You will be washed away by the tide of your own guilt. The recommendation of the stars is to ignore whatever guilt you may feel and simply carrying on. Guilt has never really done anyone any good, has it?

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

You might want to stop putting chemicals in your system for the time being; it makes the process of turning you into a superhero via lightning striking you from the cosmos and changing your DNA all the more difficult.

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

Be bolder and do more with what you have instead of thinking about what you don't have and running after that instead. You are the agent of yourself, so sell yourself better and you will do better in this world.

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

You probably feel as though you have something on your back, I think. So otherwise I would say that you just need to rest, but in this case you should indulge yourself and let go of whatever has been bothering you, it will be better in the long run.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

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Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

It will come softly and slowly, and you have a chance to notice it. It will come as a river through a mountain, and you must part it in order to see. You will have the strength to do so, and you will know everything when you need to know it, when the time comes.

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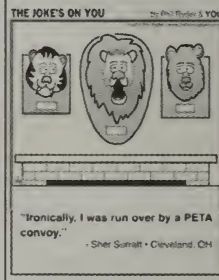
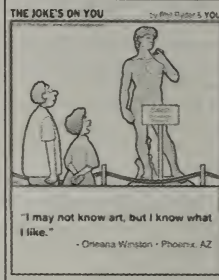
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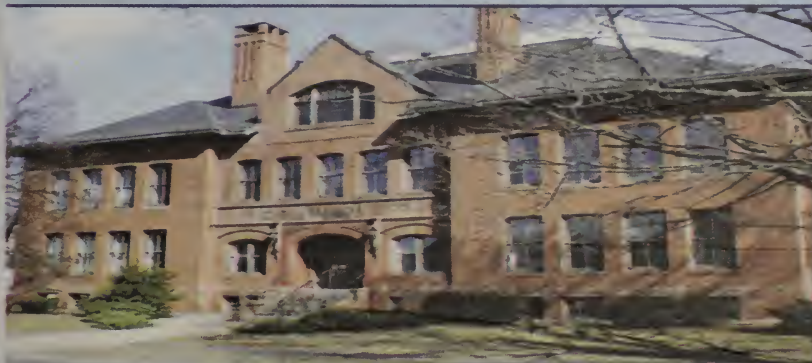
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2/20-22	6 pm	STA's All Clear Production also 2:30 2/22	Ely Studio Theatre
2/21-22	7:30 pm	Vagina Monologues	Dever Stage
2/21-23	9 pm	Hunger Games: Catching Fire (2 pm 2/22-23)	Owl's Nest
2/22	1 pm	Women's Basketball vs. Fitchburg	Woodward Center
2/22	3 pm	Men's Basketball vs. Fitchburg	Woodward Center
2/24	12 pm	Blood Pressure Screening (ends at 1 pm)	Dining Commons
2/24	7:30 pm	Big George: One Woman Show about Georgetta Holmes Stevens	Dever Stage
2/26	9a-1p	Trivia at DD's	Ely Garden Level
2/26	5:30 pm	Steve Edwards Reading	Scanlon Banq. Hall
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Board of trustees approves the transfer of \$900,000 from reserves to pay F&R bills

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

The Westfield State University board of trustees met for over two hours on Monday night in what became their first meeting since January. Their February meeting had been postponed due to snow days.

The meeting opened with the president's report, given by interim president Dr. Elizabeth Preston.

She outlined that there will be about 1,500 new students next year.

In reference to the financing reforms that are taking place at the university, administration is in communication with the office of the comptroller in Boston. Out of

this conversation, there is the desire to create an internal audit position. This person would perform audits similar to those performed by O'Connor & Drew last summer.

Preston also reminded the trustees that we are six months away from the groundbreaking of the new science annex building. The board of trustees approved funding to begin the first phase of the projects associated with the annex.

As she wrapped up her part of the president's report, she announced the launch of a special part of the university's website that is dedicated to providing information regarding the Dobelle scandal. On the website, there is a list of fre-

quently asked questions that have been asked of the administration.

It can be found at westfield.ma.edu/movingforward/.

She then introduced Cheryl Stanley, dean of education and acting dean of graduate and continuing education, and Lyndsey Nunes, coordinator of the ICE program. ICE, or Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment, is a program for special needs students at the high school level that want to take college courses and become immersed in the culture.

She told the trustees about the program and the goals that the program hopes to achieve.

Currently, there are eight students taking part in the program.

They are from area schools like Chicopee, Westfield, and Southwick. Fifty Westfield State students are peer mentors for the eight participants. The program will be twenty students deep in the Fall 2014 semester.

After Nunes' presentation, Kevin Tatsugawa, associate professor of movement science, provided a presentation related to a recent short-term course he led in Nepal.

There were over ten students who participated in the course. They learned mountaineering techniques, high altitude physiology, and how to "leave no trace" when in the outdoors.

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Dr. Gali Tealakh comes to Westfield State



Dr. Gali Tealakh was at Westfield State this week. Hosted by the Department of Communication, Dr. Tealakh (in the middle with the suit) made many visits to classes and club meetings. His expertise is Political Islam and the Arab Spring. His visit was the first of what the planning faculty hoped will be many from international scholars. This photo is Dr. Tealakh with students from members of the Communication faculty and students.

PHOTO BY PROF. SINUK KANG

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EMILY HANSHAW, Managing Editor

News from other schools

The Daily Collegian, U OF MASS., AMHERST

Last week, the campus was visited by activist Ted Bunch, who spoke to students about movements to reduce violence against women. He talked about breaking stereotypes and practicing "healthy masculinity."

The Harvard Crimson, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

The Happiness Project, an organization that began on Harvard's campus, has partnered with several other colleges to expand their reach across the country.

The Daily Campus, UNIV. OF CONNECTICUT

The investigation against UConn running-back Lyle McCombs has been closed. No charges will be filed against him.

The Daily Orange, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

The Kimmel Food Court will not be closing soon, despite rumors that have been circulating. There are, however, evaluations of the dining services that have to be put into place.

Board of trustees to begin selecting presidential search committee in April

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

The board of trustees is looking to appoint a presidential search committee in April, according to chairman John Flynn III. The committee will be finding a more permanent replacement for Dr. Evan S. Dobelle, who retired in November amidst a scandal surrounding his finances.

Flynn said at the March 3 meeting that the board has been asked to wait until it is full by commissioner of higher education Richard Freeland.

Currently, there are two vacancies caused by the resignation of Terry Craven and Christel Ford Berry's term expiring. There are also two vacancies coming up on the horizon with Flynn being statutorily barred from seeking re-appointment and student trustee Stone Koury will be graduating this upcoming May.

The Board of Higher Education has released recommended guidelines for presidential search committees. These guidelines will help them pick candidates out of the many applicants that they will have to sift through.

This current board of



PHOTO BY DAVE ROBACK/THE REPUBLICAN

The board of trustees is going to begin the process of selecting a presidential search committee in April. This committee will work to find a more permanent replacement for Evan Dobelle.

trustees has some experienced members with in regards to presidential searches. Trustee Elizabeth Scheibel, a former district attorney, served on the committee that chose Dobelle. Three trustees are required to sit on the committee.

During the board meeting, Trustee Kevin Marcus asked Flynn if a search firm had been chosen yet. Flynn replied that a firm would be chosen by the committee once it's chosen.

It remains to be seen if Dr. Elizabeth Preston, who has been serving as

interim president since Dobelle's retirement, will throw her name in the hat for the permanent position. In an interview with The Westfield Voice in January, she indicated that she is not interested and even barred by Freeland, who did not want interim presidents applying for the more permanent position.

But lately, the grapevine has been abuzz with rumors that she might apply. The campus community will not know who applied for the position until the committee has been formed and sifted

through the first round of applicants.

There are currently two search committees for administrative roles on this campus. One is for the director of public safety and another is being pieced together for the dean of graduate and continuing education position.

Tony Casciano, currently the interim director of public safety, is an applicant for the permanent position. So far, there have been no named applicants for the dean of graduate and continuing education position.

2016 Council plans Buzz Off Cancer

Buzz Off Cancer!

Hosted By Westfield State University

April 13, 2014



Nicole Primeau
Voice Reporter

The Buzz Off Cancer event is hosted by the Class Council of 2016. The event will take place on April 13, 2014 at 1 p.m. in the Scanlon Banquet Hall.

The Buzz Off Cancer event is about raising awareness for children fighting cancer. At the event, those who choose to may buzz off their hair to resemble a child with cancer. Locks of Love will also be available the day of the event.

Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization that collects hair to make

hair pieces for disadvantaged children under 21 suffering from hair loss from any diagnosis. To donate hair it must be 10 inches measured tip to tip; this is the minimum length needed for a hairpiece. Hair that is colored is accepted EXCLUDING hair that has been bleached.

Students, Faculty, Staff, and the community can choose to buzz off their hair or donate money to teams or the school for the Buzz Off Cancer.

Proceeds from the Buzz Off Cancer benefits the Boston Children's Hospital for vital programs and services for families support-

ing their children fighting against cancer along with research for a cure.

The Buzz Off Cancer event promotes supporting children during their process of fighting cancer and to remind them we are here for them.

Visit our Facebook page "Buzz Off Cancer 2013-2014" to retrieve the link titled "One Mission's Kid's Cancer Buzz Off" to donate on teams, or to create your own team.

To donate to a team, click on their team name and hit "Sponsor this Team" to donate or click "Join this Team" to create your own team.

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student government

SGA entertains the final finance proposals of the year at their last meeting; Finance Committee out of money for allocation

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

The Student Government Association first had Tom Raffensperger, dean of academic information services, to talk about the new email system and other technological items that go along with the academics of the school. He discussed that the new email system will be housed on Microsoft's Office 365 system. Each student email account will be migrated over to the new system starting next Monday during the Spring Break. Raffensperger said it will take about four days to be completed.

The biggest enhancement from the new email system is that students will have a storage capacity of 50 gigabytes compared to 50 megabytes with the old system. He also touched based on the student technological survey, which was given out last fall semester. He said 749 responded to the survey and of those students 549 left comments at the end of the 33-question survey, which was a great turn out. He also added, "Almost all of the comments were about how crappy ResNet is." Giggles went around the room after that.

Raffensperger said his team realizes that it is harder for some students to get on ResNet because of the buildings they are in. Buildings with strong concrete walls receive weak wireless signals, he said. What they have planned to help the issue is to create

a separate sub-net and increase bandwidth.

He said that this will help students get on the network to do basic web searches and functions like signing into Plato, Blackboard, and email much faster than before. While that helps to get on Raffensperger said, "There are no guarantees that it will run faster. Bandwidth is like any other service, the more you get the more it costs." The student technological survey was also helpful in debunking a claim brought on by many professors, said Raffensperger. The claim was that a lot of students never check their Westfield State email. Raffensperger then reported that the survey showed that 94.7 percent of students reported using the Westfield State email constantly or frequently.

"A lot of professors say that students don't have computers," said Rasphensburger. He said that the majority of students that do have computers, like laptops, do not like to carry them around. He also brought up a new strategy that is being considered to help students see where open computers will be. If the library is full, a student can check to see if there is room in one of the computers labs in Wilson Hall or Bates Hall he said. Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2015, brought up how a student can now sign up for a study room in the library online. Raffensperger said that it was moved

online because of the complaints that were made of students using the rooms without signing up and not moving.

Tom Durkee, representative of the class of 2014, said that the Mac lab on the third floor in the communication department is having issues updating. Durkee said that these issues create problems with accessibility and decreases overall productivity in the lab. Raffensperger said that the main updates take place over the summer and other updates are based on the request of the department that uses them. Matthew Carlin, representative-at-large, asked if there were plans to gather public opinion regarding technology, such as in an open forum. Raffensperger answered that there is a survey for faculty and staff like the student survey. The student survey typically comes out every fall, and there is possible room for discussion on more methods of discussion. Steve Mailloux, representative-at-large, asked whether or not Raffensperger thinks the school will start charging students for printing. Raffensperger said, "I would be surprised if that did not happen sometime in the future." He added, however, that there are no plans for charging now. "We have bigger problems," he added. Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, announced that March is the month that Westfield State will be honoring women with many events around

campus that features film screenings, lectures, open classroom discussions, and poetry readings. Then the madam president wished all the SGA members to have great spring break.

Stone Koury, student trustee, talked to the SGA about the two-hour board of trustees meeting held on Monday the March 3. Koury said the meeting went longer than usual because the subject matter was mostly budget and finance related. The board approved the transfer of up to \$900,000 from the university's reserve accounts to cover current and future legal costs associated with ongoing state investigations into the activities of Dr. Dobelle. Dr. Elizabeth Preston, interim president, said in her email to the campus, "this action was the only responsible decision the board could have made."

Koury said the he agrees with the interim president and said that \$24 million are in the university's reserves with an average two million dollars being put into the reverse yearly. Joshua Frank, vice president of finance, presented four finance proposals to the SGA. The first proposal came from the Social Work Club. They were looking for funds to attend their national conference in April. The costs cover half of the hotel cost, half of the transportation, and registration that all add to \$1,370.00. The motion to allocate the money passed unanimously.

The second proposal came from the Business Club looking for funds to go on their annual New York City trip. The motion to pass \$718.75 passed unanimously. The third proposal came from the WSKB Radio club to cover security costs for their spring concert. The motion to allocate \$500 passed unanimously. The final proposal came from the Communication Club that asked for funds to lower student ticket cost for the annual communication dinner. \$500 was allocated unanimously by the SGA.

The Finance Committee will no longer be accepting club proposals as they have run out of money to allocate. To cover the four proposals that they sent to Senate on Tuesday, they transferred over \$1,000 from the Student Government reserves. Frank said that last year the committee had \$5,000 left over and they used the money to help cover the proposals this year. That extra \$5,000 was rolled over into the reserve account so this move does not impede Student Government activities in any fashion. Those who missed the opening role call were; Jocelyn Herrera-Lazo, Ryan Losco, Tara Saraf, Ashly Erskine, Shannon Cullinane, Justin Dose. The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be on March 18, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of the Ely Campus Center by Dunkin' Donuts.

From the front page

Cost cutting measures help board of trustees to transfer over \$200,000 less than previously projected

They climbed one of the "8,000 meter peaks," which is a big accomplishment.

Once the president's report concluded, Kimberly Tobin, interim vice president of administration and finance, took the floor with an extensive list of agenda items falling to her.

She provided the trustees with a glimpse of how fiscal year 2014 quarter one and two finances were looking.

According to Tobin, the administration and finance department is satisfied with how the finances are looking. DGCE and the department of residential life are above forecast as far as revenues.

However, ResLife will be running a deficit for FY 2014 due to expenses related to University Hall.

In relation to the Fish & Richardson bills, the university has \$924,000, which is lower than the \$1.1 million figure reported in the press because they paid the September bill.

Much of the costs associated with F&R's services deals with the transportation of over 100,000 documents, processing of over 10,000 emails, and the duplication of these documents and emails for the offices of the attorney general and inspector general respectively.

Because of the rearranging of some budgets and some cost-saving measures, Tobin reported to the trustees that only \$900,000 would need to be pulled from the reserves to pay for the F&R bills. This is down some \$200,000 from previously reported figures.

The reserve account had \$24 million before the vote took place.

It will continue to play into the budget making process because the university needs to be at \$25 million by FY 2018 in order to meet requirements for their debt obligations.

Trustee Kevin Queenin, who chairs on the trustee finance committee, stressed the importance of keeping the students unaffected by the spending that needs to take place to build the reserves back up and complete the capital projects occurring on campus.

Preston and trustee chairman John Flynn III assured Queenin and the rest of the board that students would be unaffected by this spending.

Queenin made both the motion to shift the funds from reserves to the operating budget and the motion to pay the bills. Both were approved unanimously.

Tobin then informed the board that the budget committee has officially met and will be ready to present the FY 2015 budget at their June meeting.

She also reported that the office of the comptroller is working with her staff to review the policies and procedures, as Preston mentioned.

They have worked to reduce the number of credit cards to 13.

Tobin is confident that they can get it down to 12 by the end of the month, which is where she believes it should stay because of the nature of travel necessities required for

some employees' jobs.

The board also acted on the recommendation of Kimberly Tobin to appoint Christopher H. Raymond from her office to the position of alcohol manager.

The position is necessary for any business that holds a liquor license in the Commonwealth.

The board unanimously approved Tobin's recommendation.

Flynn closed the meeting with an encouraging statement regarding this upcoming year.

"This next year is going to be a real positive year for this institution," said Flynn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The board of trustees will meet in April with Richard Freeland, commissioner of higher education, as a potential guest.

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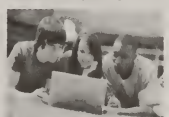
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Westfield State students attend CPAC 2013

Joshua Clark
Online Editor

Five students and one adjunct professor attended the 2013 Conservative Political Action Conference, CPAC, in National Harbor, Maryland this past weekend.

While there, the students were able to chat with influential political figures, listen to speeches from well-known conservatives, and experience a slice of the political life.

The adjunct professor was Denise Reed from the Communication Department. All students are members of the Westfield State Republican Club and Reed is their advisor.

The students left Wednesday morning at the crack of dawn and arrived in the Washington, D.C. area around 3:30 p.m.

When the conference started on Thursday morning, the attendees got to listen to the inspirational speeches by Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli and former Florida Congressman Allen West.

The students were also in attendance for the speeches by Senators Marco Rubio and Rand Paul. Rubio took advantage of the crowd's support and took sips of water throughout his speech.

After Rubio's speech, CPAC attendees held up signs and wore t-shirts that had a silhouette of Rand Paul and "Stand With Rand" written on them. The crowd stood for the entirety of his speech as a show of support of his recent filibuster.

Rand Paul ended up winning the straw poll by a couple

of points over Marco Rubio. The straw poll is an informal indicator of which person the conservatives support for a run at the presidency. Mitt Romney won several times in the last ten years, although it is somewhat inaccurate.

Rand Paul's father Ron won the poll several times in the last fifteen years but has failed to gain traction in any of his presidential races.

The next day brought speakers such as millionaire mogul Donald Trump, Senator Mitch McConnell, Senator Kelly Ayotte, Representative Paul Ryan, and 2012 Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

He was also brought to tears as he spoke, "I'm sorry I won't be your president, but I will be your coworker and I'll work shoulder-to-shoulder alongside you."

Many thought that speech was his true concession speech. On election night last year, he went out to the disappointed crowd in Boston without any written remarks and spoke off the cuff.

Saturday brought Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, and Representative Michele Bachmann.

By the group's assessment, Scott Walker's speech was the best, and received the most standing ovations.

He is admired by the conservative movement for standing up for his beliefs, winning the recall election brought about by the unions, and for continuing the fight without missing a beat.

A few in the crowd yelled out, "2016!" alluding to the looming 2016 presidential election that already has political

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photo from WSU Facebook page

The WSU Dance Company will be performing their show at 7:30pm on March 22nd and 23rd in Dever Auditorium! \$5 general admission and \$3 for students.

Students expected to return to CPAC

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pundits talking.

The conference's theme was "America's Future: The Next Generation of Conservatives," but the conference was bogged down by the constant reminders of conservative heroes like Ronald Reagan, Barry Goldwater, and William F. Buckley.

One of the panels during the conference was titled, "A Roundtable Discussion on the Future of the Movement: Winning with Generation X/Y."

This panel featured prominent conservatives that have been active in the Republican Party, helping to win elections and fighting for the principles of conservatism.

One of the panelists was the newly elected chairwoman

of the College Republican National Committee, Alex Smith.

She spoke very highly of the Republican/Conservative movements that are taking hold on college campuses all across the United States.

She argued that there is a plurality of students that hold conservative ideals but remain silent out of either a lack of caring or a desire not to rock the boat.

This last election featured an opportunity for Republicans to come out in force in order to defeat a highly popular president.

However, one of the areas where the Republicans failed to hold ground was college campuses.

Ron Paul was clearly the favorite among the seemingly libertarian crowd at the panel.

Some of this popularity

could be attributed to the fact that he visited many more campuses than Mitt Romney did and holds positions that many college students can agree with.

Smith assessed that if Republicans are going to win elections in the future, they need to start approaching college campuses, recruiting the students to register Republican and overturn the liberal biases.

Overall, the conference was a large success in the eyes of the attendees from Westfield, all of whom said they'll attend next year's CPAC.

If you'd like to join the Westfield State Republican Club, the meetings are Thursdays at 4:00 in the Tekoa Room at the Dining Commons.

Joshua Clark
Online Editor

CC Jobs Lost

by Sue Ouellette

Many students employed by the Campus Center were surprised when they arrived back on campus in January; they had lost their jobs.

Some 12 students lost their jobs, in fact, due to their ineligibility to earn the money they were earning.

According to Robert Green, Director of Financial Aid, students in the Financial Aid program received 90% of their computed need for the 1979-80 school year. Approximately \$200, therefore, is not supplied by the school (or the government).

Naturally, students are anxious to make up the difference in a variety of ways through the numerous non-work study jobs on campus: Resident Advisors, cafeteria help, Campus Center employees and Student Security, to name a few.

A problem arises for the Financial Aid office, though, when students begin to earn more than they are eligible to earn within the school year. Students become "over awarded," and the Federal government expects to be paid back by the school for every dollar a student has earned above what

he should have earned.

"All I want to do is create a balance of funds," said Green. "Some students receive too much, some too little. Unfortunately I have no way of knowing who is working where unless I am kept informed."

Green explained that he has urged non-work study employers on campus to ask him if a student is eligible to work before hiring him. "The problem wouldn't exist with this kind of cooperation," he said. "Instead employers wait until the end of the semester to tell me who is (and has been) working for them. As a result, jobs are lost."

At the campus Center, many people have been effected through loss of hours or jobs. "It's unfortunate," said Andy Johnson, Director, "but the Financial Aid office has a policy to abide by. We have to understand their position."

Green suggests, to aid in providing a solution to the problem, that students inquire at the Financial Aid office whether or not they are eligible to work and how much they can earn. "Sometimes you'll be surprised at the amount of money you are able to earn," he said.

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Opinions & Editorials

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RACE RUGH, Editor

The Conservative View

The Ukraine, a start to another Cold War?

Let's talk about Eastern Europe, or more specifically the Ukraine. I had hoped that this would have been resolved by now, however if anything it has escalated. Let's break down what has happened.

The Ukraine has been in a series of civil turmoil for the last several weeks, involving riots, protests and endless acts of "civil disobedience."

However, what seemed like an internal issue soon grew external the minute President Vladimir Putin Premier... I mean President of the Russian Federation, got involved.

The protests, heavily concentrated in Ukrainian peninsula of Crimea, were the target for 16,000 Russian troops who marched in this week on Putin's orders. It's been a well-known historical fact that Russia has been at hostile ends with Crimea well before Putin's administration, however it's been the first direct Russian intervention since the dissolving of the USSR in 1991.

On Monday, the UN Security Council held emergency meetings to discuss the sudden aggression of Russia, whose ambassador stated it was intended to "protect democracy and



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Asst. Managing Editor

the thousands of Russians who reside in Crimea."

The Ukrainian troops have maintained complete peaceful operations, even attempting to retake an air base "lost" to Russian troops without their own arms.

Russian troops have (as of press time) fired warning shots at the Ukrainian forces.

Let's just get to it folks. Clearly this once essential civil war in the Ukraine has escalated to a cold war with Russia.

For once it's not the United States, but it is the Ukraine. As of Tuesday an estimated 25,000 Russian troops have been stationed in Crimea.

Putin and the current Prime Minister of the Ukraine have blamed one another for failed peace talks and negotiations.

Well, if this isn't a war, why is it called peace talks to begin with?! It is now



*Ukrainian troops watch from a naval vessel as Russian troops occupy Crimea.
The question on everyone's mind is, will shots need to be fired?*

obvious to me that this will escalate to conflict within the very near future.

My question will be, between whom?

I think we need to just briefly talk about the diplomatic issues present here.

Russia has been warned that if it continues down this path of eventual war, the UN will place huge economic and militaristic sanctions on the country.

However, it hasn't been clear whether or not China (Russia's staunchest ally) will defend Russia within the UN. John Kerry, Sec-

retary of State, has called on Putin the end this fiasco that he calls nothing but the selfish motives of Moscow.

Kerry has also stated the "The United States will stand by the Ukrainian People." My one question is, to what end?

As I mentioned in my previous article, we are just preparing ourselves to withdraw from Afghanistan and the Middle East after a decade of constant war.

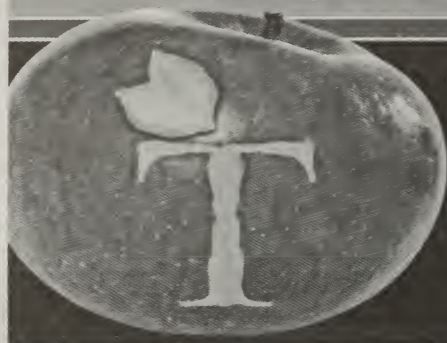
Now, Kerry is suggesting of having a full-scale war with Russia? Don't we remember what happened

last time we talked about this?

If this escalated to a full-scale war, the United States and Russia should maintain diplomatic and militaristic peace. I can predict that by next issue, some sort of outcome will have become apparent.

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From the Editor's Desk

Driving on the restricted strip of the road behind Courtney Hall will earn you a three-digit fine; plus more computers on campus?

I can't seem to catch a break. As if having encounters with the multitude of potholes in Westfield wasn't enough, getting pulled over just added a whole other layer of happiness to my weekend.

But I did not get pulled over by Westfield City Police. Not the Massachusetts State Police. I got pulled over by the Westfield State University Department of Public Safety.

You won't find this incident under "Liquor Law Violation," or "Drug Law Violation," or "Assault and Battery Domestic."

This was for driving behind Courtney Hall.

According to the Public Safety officer that pulled me over, that is a restricted road and only emergency vehicles, the shuttle, and dumpster trucks are allowed back there.

Now, you're saying to yourself, "What?! I just did that ten minutes ago—a day ago—a week ago—a year ago—my whole college career!"

Believe it or not, those sawhorses that are in the road actually mean something!

And it's not just that. If you are caught driving on that road, it's a \$150 fine!

That's right, folks! For driving the distance of about 150 feet, you pay a violation of \$150. One dollar per foot, apparently, because that's the only explanation I have for why that violation is so exorbitant.

To be fair, I did receive only a warning, but it's the principle of the matter.

I've been driving on that road since day one at Westfield State, and this is the first time in three years that I've been pulled over 1) on campus and 2) for driving behind Courtney

Hall.

As I have been talking to other students around campus and telling them about the incident, they are surprised to hear about the exorbitant fine and the fact that I even got pulled over at all.

They also mention how they, too, drive on that strip of the road and never once have been pulled over.

I do not need to stand outside to count how many cars drive on that strip of the road because the number is too high.

I have no problem with it being restricted. I understand that the road is narrow and it is a hazard for students who run out of the building with their trash and recycling without doing what their parents taught them and looking both ways before crossing.

But if Public Safety is going to start pulling people over, they need to start pulling everybody over.

When I told the officer that I have never been or seen anybody get pulled over for doing that, she said, "Well I'm sorry this is your first time getting pulled over for this." I'm not!

But what I will be is irritated if students are made to pay an exorbitant fine for doing something that everybody else does so unapologetically.

A possible computer lab on East Campus

Tom Raffensperger, dean of academic information technology, said at Tuesday's SGA



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meeting that there are discussions happening on campus to try and alleviate the technology issues on this campus.

One of the many issues that we face is the lack of computers at peak times. Every night, students going to the library

encounter the problem of trying to find a computer to work on their very important assignments.

An idea being floated around is a website that tells you the computers that are free in any particular room at any particular time.

This resembles the website already in place for the many laundry rooms on campus. This idea was well liked by the senators.

Another idea that Tom threw to the senators was the idea of creating a massive computer lab across campus from the library.

This idea is not very far-fetched and actually rather doable.

When the science annex building is done with construction, there will be the necessity to backfill Wilson once the affected departments have vacated their previous space.

This leaves open swaths of space that is prime for this purpose. While it is true that there are already computer labs on the academic building side of campus (East Campus for the purpose of this argument), the lab that I understood Tom to mean would contain fifty or so computers. It would open early

and close late.

This is the kind of space that would have printers, tables for group work, and dry-erase boards for drawing things out. Basically, a glorified Ely Library study room.

The senators also liked this idea, and I spoke for the issue as well.

This will offer students who live in New, Davis, Courtney, and Scanlon Halls the opportunity to walk a very short distance to use a computer or to print an assignment.

It will also allow for more students to use computers at peak time. This "peak time" means the evening hours during the semester and anytime during the day around midterms and finals.

I support this idea and think that the Special Committee on University Planning should consider this while they are looking for ways to complete the backfill in Wilson.

While we are on the subject of printing on this campus, I also support the idea of setting up printers in the lobbies of all the residence halls.

When I took an informal survey of the staff in my office, the staff overwhelmingly supported this idea. This would mean AIT would have to look into purchasing nine printers and the cost will be high. But this will also open up more computers in the library and the hypothetical massive computer lab.

I'll be glad to work with whomever to make this happen because it is a worthwhile venture.

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Gentlemen's Weekly

Guayaberas have deep cultural roots and a wide range of uses

I would like to start this week's issue with a bit of folk history from Cuba. Specifically near the Yayo River in Sancti Spiritus. About three hundred years ago, a guava farmer found himself needing two more pockets on his shirt. His wife, upon hearing this, took a needle and thread to her husband's work shirt, enabling him to carry more guavas. In this odd turn of events, she unknowingly created one of the most popular tropical shirts, the guayabera. The name originates from the Spanish word for guava, guayabas.

The guayabera is a traditional Latin American garment. Most of the guayaberas in the United States originate from factories in and around Miami, which are often owned by Cuban-Americans, who use the utmost care to make sure that each guayabera remains authentic. The basic features that define a guayabera are two or

four patch pockets on the shirt front, two vertical rows of either small pleats (tuxes) and/or embroidery, and a straight hem meant to be worn untucked. Different artisans have taken the liberty to create variations, such as adding French cuffs, adjustable buttoning slits at the sides, short sleeves, and even some with no pockets. As for color, white and light pastel colors are the most common and traditional, but like any shirt, guayaberas now come in both traditional and brighter colors as young men have asked for more variety. 100% cotton or linen is used to make the highest quality guayaberas. These lighter weaves are prized in hot, humid climates. Unfortunately, a thriving tourist market (which I oppose anyways) has led to production of lower cost, lower quality, and synthetic guayaberas are sold as affordable souvenirs.

The kind of guayabera you buy will affect which



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Social Media Coordinator

pants and other garments it goes well with. One can loosely break guayaberas into three broad categories:

1. Practical work clothes - These guayaberas are meant for field-work or are made to look like it. The color is meant to reflect the sun, the vertical embroidery is often pierced to let more air in and the fabric is light and gauzy. The patterns are simple and in light colored thread.

2. Festive clothing - This is where we get the "Mexican wedding shirt" style of guayabera, which can be long or short-sleeved. The vertical

bands are embroidered in more than one color and the base color can be anything, from black and white to bright pastels.

3. Tourist clothing - Very brightly colored guayaberas with loud, contrasting colors are the equivalent of the Hawaiian shirt. They should never be worn. Ever.

Working guayaberas complement jeans or cotton slacks. Festive guayaberas do as well, but can also be paired with more colorful pants or with dress slacks made from lightweight wool or linen. Tourist ones you can wear with anything, they will look loud and silly no matter what. The overall theme is versatility: men have been wearing these shirts for centuries. At one point or another they've been paired with everything. Be assertive and wear yours with whatever looks good. And age? Doesn't matter if you're ten or one-hundred. They look great and are incredibly comfortable.

While not widely known, several Latin American and Caribbean island nations have adopted the guayabera; formally or informally, as a form of national business wear. Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and Cuba all recognize the guayabera as a form of "national dress." Outside of beach weddings, it's unlikely that most Americans will need to wear the guayabera in a formal or business setting, however if you are interested in doing so, the formal style is long-sleeved, plain white or cream/off-white, low contrast embroidery, typically two pockets rather than four for a dressier look, and a tailored fit.

So what makes a high-quality guayabera you ask? More than anything, the material. Because they are hot-weather clothing,

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The Seventh Side: Your Weekly Dose of Satire

Sind T. Zelony and his take on the Westfield pothole situation

Dear pothole enthusiasts,
We all know that there is a problem in Westfield recently regarding the environmentally caused ditches of pain and suffering in the roads. They have been particularly destructive this winter season, and I've been trying to figure out some reasons as to why the city hasn't been on top of them (in fact, one could say they are in them).

These things need to

be addressed, one way or another. I have a few theories as to why the potholes are still around after all of this time despite the many lost hubcaps, broken axles, damaged wheels, and summoned mole men from the fifth dimension. They may not tell the complete story, but I imagine that if I throw enough darts at the metaphorical wall I will hit something, or at least poke out somebody's eye.

- 1) The city of Westfield decided that it needs more

Sind T. Zelony
Not an A&E Editor

publicity, so it decided to let the potholes grow so in order to get the title "city with the world's largest pothole." Based on current growth non-estimates, this will take three more weeks.

- 2) All the pothole money is somehow going to pay some legal fees. I have no idea what legal fees they could possibly be.

Nope. Not at all. It certainly doesn't have anything to do with Westfield.

- 3) They are testing a new type of invisible pothole filler. It doesn't seem to be working.

- 4) This is all part of a House of Cards style master plan for ascension to power within the state.

- 5) They are still debating which company to use to fill the potholes.

- 6) Aliens. There is always a chance it could be aliens.

Hopefully by the time you read this, you will have filled potholes and your cars will still be standing. If not, don't trip in the potholes. You might not come out.

May all of the potholes in your life be filled,

Sincerely,
Sind T. Zelony

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Arts & Entertainment

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LEWIS PACHECO & LYNDON SEITZ, Editors

as of Mar. 4, 2014

Top 10 Singles

1. Pharrell Williams - Happy
2. Katy Perry ft. Juicy J - Dark Horse
3. Jason Derulo ft. 2 Chainz - Talk Dirty
4. John Legend - All Of Me
5. Beyonce ft. Jay Z - Drunk in Love
6. Bastille - Pompeii
7. Lorde - Team
8. A Great Big World - Say Something
9. OneRepublic - Counting Stars
10. Pitbull ft Keshia-Timber

Top 5 Albums

1. Frozen Movie Soundtrack
2. The Outsiders- Eric Church
3. Cole Swindell - Cole Swindell
4. NOW 49
5. Beyonce- Beyonce

Top 5 Movies

1. Non-Stop
2. Son of God
3. The LEGO Movie
4. 3 Days to Kill
5. The Monuments Men

Upcoming DVDs

1. Reasonable Doubt
2. Mandaia
3. The Hangover Games
4. Dark Horse
5. In Fear

Planning for Spring Weekend is ongoing



The Campus Activities Board has planned a country genre concert for Spring Weekend this year. Sam Hunt (top left) and Craig Campbell (bottom left) are opening for the headliner David Nail (above).

Jeffrey Ohene Darko Voice Reporter

From announcing the main headline artist for this year's Spring Weekend, we were able to get in contact with the president of CAB (Campus Activity Board) to give us the run-down of events, how students are responding, and information about other artists performing at the Saturday Concert for the 2014 Spring Weekend.

The artists opening the concert are Sam Hunt and Craig Campbell; with David Nail as the headliner. Within the process

of selecting the headline artist, according to CAB they did multiple surveys (one at the end of last year and one this year) asking what genre people would like to see at this year's Spring Weekend.

Both surveys had the majority wanting country, therefore that resulted in them having a country singer for this year.

When asked what measures he has taken in order to ensure a successful and exciting Spring Weekend; senior CAB President Steven Kligerman said, "I try to listen to other students as much

as I can in order to make Spring Weekend a success. Last year people didn't really respond to the day concert we had, so I decided that we would definitely do a night concert this year. I just try to listen to what people say, whether it be ideas, comments, or whatever; every little bit we get allows us to improve on what we have done in the past."

Additionally, Kligerman stated how they have gotten great feedback since announcing the Spring Weekend artists. He went on to give us a scoop about what

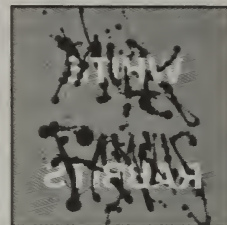
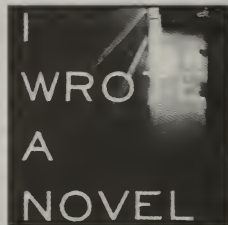
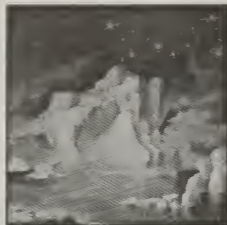
will be happening on the green and how students can give their ideas and suggestions. "We are still working on getting things for the green and activities for the other days, so if anyone has an idea or suggestion, we would love to hear it either at a CAB meeting or they can email it to us at vpprogramming.sga@westfield.ma.edu," said Kligerman.

This year's Spring Weekend begins on Friday, April 25, with the concert being held on Saturday, April 26, with more festivities on Sunday April 27.

Lyndon's Album Reviews

'Milk Famous' comes together well as an album

PHOTOS FROM LAST.FM



Lyndon Seitz
A&E Editor

They've Shot Flanigan: The Outlaw – The first track, "Rhinoceros Feet," is large in scale and greatly successful in execution. It felt like it would never quit and I didn't want it to. The description I just gave of that song can be given to the entire album. The guitar is an absolute blast to listen to and it is actually a successful concept album, with a strong western flair and a great sense of the dramatic. This is rock and roll today at its finest, and I'm glad to

hear it. Go and get this album, and do it now.

The Thoughts: I Won't Keep You Here – There really isn't too much to say here. It is very, very light rock with high vocals and some piano (I don't know what else to call it). It's almost bothersome how bittersweet it tries to get at times. Most of the time, it just makes you want to tune out to the music, which is basically the same throughout the entire album (certainly not a good thing in this case). I can't see any reason to recommend this

album to anyone.

TJ Courtney: Into the Sky – A hard rock EP that is nothing to phone home about. It has no standout songs on it and the EP itself has a unified sound but it doesn't really excel in that sound. Its strongest deterrent for me is its lack of originality. The only thing that happened while I was listening to it was repeatedly reminded of other artists that were better and easier to find. This is one that you can safely ignore in lieu of a much better album.

The Trouble with Temp-

tation: I Wrote a Novel – Another acoustic EP with songs of the same type you've heard and ignored before. That being said, there is a novelty to the songwriting that makes things a little more interesting than usual. There is a hint of risk-taking that pays off well on the songs; the structure isn't what I'm used to. The vocals are average, and most everything else is average also. I'm not sure why you'd pick this one over every other acoustic album out there, but it might not be a bad choice.

White Rabbits: Milk Famous – This is an album that is very interesting in its own way. There were quite a few layers of music to decipher in the album, and I strongly suggest that if you get this album you listen to it more than once. That being said, the music itself and all of those layers come together quite well, and it is a very enjoyable listen, especially as an album. In particular, their sense of rhythm comes across the most on most of the tracks, and it's used well. Overall it's definitely worth check.

Ars poetica

Come Springtime
by Tamari J. Hall

All winter huddled and cramped
Buried deep in this abyss
Come spring a rebirth takes place,
slowly but surely
The breath of life generates the growth
Before our eyes a transformation of
sorts
Sometimes too early, sometimes too
late.
Not always to our liking but it's des-
tined to be our fate.

Untitled
by Hayley Rebmann

You are a shadow
of your own fears /
you seek the truth
but fail to fact it in front of you /
you are trapped
in this time /
I see bigger things
but you can't let go /
it's time to walk away
have no fear
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Knowing to Cook

The Cuisine of Ireland – It's Not Just Meat and Potatoes



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This article is written in memory of Kevin Friedland and dedicated to Carolyn Saba, Alex MacBeth, and all of the friends who never left his side.

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

Much like the blessings that come with Italian blood running through your veins, so too is it a great gift to have some Irish in there. The Irish have a way with words, the gift of gab as they call it, and over the years the cuisine of the nation has transformed as well.

No longer is Irish cooking all about meat and potatoes, a stereotype perpetuated by years of British occupation. Before the Irish War of Independence, which lasted from 1919 to 1921, Ireland was a poor and famished nation. The most reliable source of food was the potatoes that grew in the fields and the cows that grazed the fields. The Great Potato Famine (1845-1852) led thousands of the Irish to emigrate to America or die of starvation. But since Ireland became an independent nation, families have begun to return to their native

land.

Over the last twenty years, the world has started to notice Ireland's potential for great food. More and more chefs are visiting the Emerald Isle and realizing just how vast and diverse the cuisine truly is. Being an island nation surrounded by the bountiful waters of the North Atlantic, Irish cuisine has always relied heavily on seafood. The Aran Islands, which lie off the coast of Galway, are home to generations of hearty fishermen who live off of all the fish they catch daily.

Today, Irish street markets are filled to the brim with vendors selling meats, cheeses, seafood, vegetables, breads, and so much more. Irish cuisine, like the cuisine of Italy, is about simplicity. Nothing about Irish cooking is over complicated or extravagant. The Irish are perfectly content with a platter of fish and chips with a pint of Guinness on the side to wash it all down. Irish people have always been

sturdy folk, with very little desire for anything fancy.

Yet, there is elegance in the simplicity of the Irish culture. As I have stated many times, the most beautiful things are often the most simple. Ireland contains great beauty in its natural wonders. But it's the people that truly make Ireland so wonderful. My dad's parents are both Irish immigrants; my grandmother from Galway and my grandfather from Cork. While my grandfather no longer graces the Earth with his presence, my grandmother is always more than enthusiastic to talk to me about the Irish way.

Whenever I go to her house, we always sit in the kitchen, drink tea, and eat her famous Soda Bread. The recipe for this bread is a safe guarded family secret, but its reputation is legendary. If my grandmother knows I'm coming over, she starts making Soda Bread and by the time I arrive it will be warm and fresh out of the

oven. That bread is magic; there is no other way to put it. The recipe has been passed down to my father and his siblings, and soon it will be passed down to me. However, I doubt I will ever be able to make it the way my grandmother does.

Despite being eligible to become an Irish citizen, I have never visited the country. I can only imagine that when I do go, I will be welcomed with open arms and smiles. The Irish have often been portrayed as a nation of slobbering drunks who are always getting into fistfights. While that is a side of Irish culture, it is not who the people truly are. The Irish are a wonderful and witty people, who love to talk and tell stories. They are, along with the Italians, some of the most welcoming and generous people in the world. I am truly blessed to have that heritage strongly coursing through my veins.

I love being Irish and as I find on St. Patrick's Day, everyone who isn't Irish wishes that they were. So, I wish all of you readers a safe and happy Spring Break and a wonderful St. Patrick's Day!

I'll close with this Irish saying: A family of Irish will argue and fight, but let a shout come from without and see them all unite.

Enjoy this recipe for Kilmore Quay Mussels with Bacon and White Wine! Courtesy of Kevin Dundon's Modern Irish Food.

Bunua Tavola!

**KILMORE QUAY
MUSSELS WITH BACON
AND WHITE WINE**
Ingredients:
3lb mussels, scrubbed
1 cup white wine

4 tbsp butter
2 shallots, chopped
2 garlic cloves, finely
chopped
8 slices of fatty bacon,
chopped
2 large tomatoes, de-
seeded and chopped
1 tblsp all-purpose flour
2 tblsp chopped flat leaf
parsley

Instructions:

1. Clean the mussels and discard any that don't close when tapped sharply.
2. Place the mussels in a large saucepan and cover with the wine. Cook for 3-4 minutes, shaking the pan once or twice, until the mussels are open.
3. Transfer the mussels to a bowl and discard any that do not open. Strain the cooking liquid into a separate bowl to remove any grit or impurities and set this and the mussels aside.
4. Melt half the butter in a pan over a low heat and add the shallots and garlic. Add the bacon, increase the heat to medium and cook for a few minutes until the bacon is crisp. Now add the tomatoes and cook until softened.
5. Mash together the flour and the remaining butter in a bowl, then add this mixture to the pan, piece by piece. At the same time, slowly add the mussel cooking liquid.
6. If you find that the sauce is too thick, add a little water to loosen the mixture.
7. Reheat the mussels in the sauce, then sprinkle with the parsley. Serve immediately with some crusty bread.

Source: Modern Irish Food: More than 100 recipes for easy comfort food by Kevin Dundon

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ANDREW BURKE, Editor

Owls Sports

Hockey headed to MASCAC semifinals



Junior TJ Powers was named MASCAC player of the week after his performance against Worcester State in the team's quarterfinals game.

Derek Ditmars Voice Reporter

Westfield State Men's Hockey advanced in the MASCAC Tournament after defeating rival Worcester State 1-0, Saturday night, March 1. The match-up pitted the three seed Westfield State (11-13-1) against the six seed Worcester State (9-14-1).

The regular season edge went heavily in favor of Westfield State, with the Owls winning all three and outscoring the Lancers

16-5. Even though the Owls were the favorite in this match up, Bob Miele and his staff knew the regular season record didn't mean a thing Saturday night.

Playoff hockey started for the Owls at approximately 5:35 PM at Amelia Park.

Both Worcester and Westfield struggled throughout the first period to sustain pressure in the offensive zone, turning the puck over often. With 1:15 remaining T.J. Powers (East Greenwich, RI)

stepped in to the slot and fired a shot top shelf on goaltender Salvatore Tecci (Franklin, MA) to put the Owls up 1-0.

Owls' senior goaltender Eddie Davey (Orangeville, ON) not only registered a thirty-two save shutout in the playoffs but also managed to overcome several on-ice collisions with Lancers forwards. T.J. Powers' goal was the only one of the contest.

Despite being shut out, the Lancers had numerous opportunities to score but

were denied by Davey as well as the strong performing defensemen, led by Senior Billy Miller (Morgan Hill, CA) and Sophomore Kyllian Kirkwood (Cooper Cliff, ON). Miller and Kirkwood logged Chara-Seidenberg playoff ice time for the Owls in this win-or-go-home match up.

The Lancers best opportunity to tie the game was when senior Adam Baldassarre was called for boarding with 8:07 remaining the second period. Baldassarre was hit with a five minute

major but Worcester State failed to capitalize.

The last two minutes of regulation had the Owls fans at Amelia Park sitting on the edge of their seats but the Owls managed to hold off a late Worcester State surge.

Westfield State moves on to face Plymouth State next on Tuesday, March 3, in the semifinals, with the winner earning a trip to the MASCAC championship on Saturday, March 8. Westfield is 0-3 against Plymouth State this year.

Women's Lacrosse starts season 1-1 in non-conference games



PHOTO BY MICKEY CURTIS

WSU Athletic Department

The Westfield Womens lacrosse team started their season this past week with games against Johnson &

Wales and Western New England. They split the two out of conference games, starting their season 1-1.

Sophomore Meg Griffin (Granby, Conn.) had five goals and three as-

sists to lead the Westfield State University women's lacrosse team to a 13-4 victory over Johnson & Wales University in the 2014 season opener on Saturday morning, March 1.

Despite the frigid and windy conditions, the Owls were hot at the start as they jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the opening four minutes of the game. Sparked by four goals from Griffin, Westfield led at halftime, 8-0.

Johnson & Wales, playing its inaugural season of women's lacrosse, scored the first two goals in the program's history in the opening minutes of the second half, forcing Westfield first-year head coach Jeff Pechulis to call a timeout. Griffin scored her fifth goal in the 10th minute of the second half to give Westfield a 9-2 lead.

The Owls had four multiple goal scorers. Sophomore Blair Smith (Milford, Mass.) and freshman Caro-

line Smart (Weymouth, Mass.) both scored three goals. Sophomore first-year player Roni Orcutt (Granville, Mass./Westfield High School) tallied two goals.

Westfield had 21 shots on goal, Johnson & Wales 14. Owl sophomore goalie Mimi Khampaeng (Hampden, Mass./Minnechaug High School) recorded 10 saves.

Senior Shelby Trebbe scored four goals to lead the Western New England offense and junior goalie Emily Castleman made eight saves as the Golden Bears used a strong second half to defeat Westfield State, 11-7, in non-conference women's lacrosse action under frigid conditions at Golden Bear Stadium on Tuesday, March 4.

The visiting Owls drop to 1-1 on the season while the Golden Bears remain unbeaten at 2-0.

Meg Griffin paced Westfield with four goals and

four ground balls, followed by Blair Smith with a pair of tallies and a game-high five ground balls.

Junior Kaitlynn Stevens matched teammate Trebbe with four points on two goals and two assists, while sophomore Taylor Scialdone added two goals and an assist for the Golden Bears.

Western New England starters Jessica Stumpf Sarah Stevens, and sophomore Jill Truax led a defensive unit that limited the Owls to 17 shots, 15 on goal, and started the transition to an offense that generated 36 shots.

The Golden Bears are back in action at 4 p.m. Tuesday when they host Bridgewater State. The Owls will play in much warmer conditions next week in Clermont, Fla., when they face Bridgewater College of Virginia on March 11 and Nazareth (N.Y.) College on March 13.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, February 27th
W Bball vs Framingham State L 53-62

Friday, February 28th
2/28-3/1 M/W Track at All New England Championships M-Did Not Score, W-24th Place

Saturday, March 1st
W Lacrosse vs Johnson & Wales W 13-4
MASCAC quarterfinals Ice Hockey vs. Worcester State W 1-0

Tuesday, March 4th
W Lacrosse vs Western New England L 11-7
MASCAC semifinals Ice Hockey vs. Plymouth State L 2-3

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Friday, March 7th
M/W Track at ECAC Division III Championships
Saturday, March 8th
Cheerleading vs. Advantaged Spirit

Sunday, March 9th
Softball vs. Lakeland College, Wisconsin at Hancock Park, Clermont Fla.
Baseball vs. Penn State Altoona at Lake Myrtle Park Field Auburndale, Fla.

Monday, March 10th
Softball vs. Franciscan, Monmouth
Baseball vs. WPI

Tuesday, March 11th
Softball vs. Webster, WPI
Baseball vs. St. Joseph's W LAX vs. Bridgewater

Get Burked

The expansion of Canadian basketball



PHOTO FROM NBA.COM

Steve Nash has undoubtedly been the inspiration to many Canada basketball players of today. The sport has been able to grow in Canada in the past decade in part because of him and because of the increased recruiting done by D-I programs. The talent has been there, but it is just now being found.

Canada's sports world has been dominated by hockey for the entirety of its existence. Until Steve Nash made a successful NBA career for himself, Canadian basketball hopefuls had no one to look up to. Now, Canadian basketball players are taking over the NBA.

Steve Nash, who was actually born in South Africa, attended Santa Clara University in California and was drafted in 1996 as the 15th overall pick. Besides Nash, the only other Canadian NBA player to make an all-star team was Jamaal Magloire in 2004.

Role models are important for kids. Seeing someone with as much success as Nash can inspire any kid to work hard and strive

for their goals. However, having a personal connection to that person can motivate kids to work even harder. Especially when that person has two MVP awards, 8 all-star appearances, led the NBA in assists five times, and was named to Time's 100 most influential people list in 2006.

This generation of kids in Canada is now making its way into adulthood and basketball professionalism. Canadian talent is making its way into major Division I college basketball and making a push to control incoming NBA draft classes. Of the nine current NBA players, seven of them are under the age of 24.

Syracuse, with its proximity to our neighbors



Andrew Burke
Sports Editor

to the north, has been able to form a recruiting pipeline in Canada, attracting the top talent from the area. Kris Joseph and Andy Rautins both played together at Syracuse and played for the Celtics and Knicks respectively. They currently have a potential top ten draft pick in freshman Tyler Ennis.

UNLV has attracted Canadian prospects like

Joel Anthony and 2013 number one overall pick Anthony Bennett. Cory Joseph, who played for the Spurs in last year's NBA championship, attended Texas along with 2nd team All-Rookie Tristan Thompson and point guard Myck Kabongo. Kelly Olynyk and Robert Sacre, who play for the Celtics and Lakers respectively, both attended Gonzaga, compiling a 78-24 record together.

This year's upcoming draft class could mark the first time in history that two Canadian-born players are drafted first overall in consecutive years. Andrew Wiggins has made a strong case for himself as the best player in college basketball in 2014. And many NBA teams will be willing to pick him for his talent and

potential on the court.

A recent Grantland article featured a Canadian college basketball team with a track record similar to John Wooden's UCLA teams. They have won nine national championships in eleven years and have a .922 winning percentage under 15 year head coach Dave Smart.

The Canadian basketball movement is alive and active, and I would not be surprised to see it expand within the next five to ten years. David Stern did an excellent job at making basketball a global game and it now seems that the sport has engrained itself into our closest neighbors. This is a step in the right direction for Canada, for the United States, and for basketball as a whole.

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this means 100% cotton or linen, or something very much like it. A small percentage of synthetics can help with mildew resistance, but anything more than 5% is a cost saving measure rather than a sign of good construction. A few South Asian countries make guayabera-style shirts from plant fibers like bamboo, ramie, or hemp. While sometimes heavier than cotton, they do typically hold up well in humid weather and are very resistant to mildew and other forms of damage and bacteria.

I hope I have inspired you to purchase a fine article of clothing that has deep cultural roots and, well, just looks damn good. I hope you all have an enjoyable, safe Spring Break. Buy yourself a guayabera.

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Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

So the stars are pretty sure that this thing is going to happen. It's going to happen and it is going to do something to affect your life, whether you notice it or not. We're absolutely, almost certain about this, possibly. This is all just estimation.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

It really would be a shame to have things end this way. The way that all things must end, the stars say. It is an absolute tragedy of epic proportions?

What is it? Why would we want to give away that secret of all things?

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

You have hit a high note yet again and things are working marvelously for you once more. You will want to keep this up, although you have no real need of reminding. You also probably don't even have to try.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

What are you trying to figure out this time? Is this all a game which you are trying to win? There is no solution, you know. There is no reason to keep playing. There is absolutely no solution.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

Ignorance and plausible deniability are your friends this week. You cannot be subpoenaed for anything you didn't know about, so make sure to sit in a box for the next week and ride things out.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

The next time you go to the beach, do not drink the pineapple juice. The stars have seen the pineapples, and they took all of the good ones for themselves anyway, not much left to pick from really.

Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

If you rise with the sun, you must also set with the sun. If you rise with the moon, you must also set with the moon. If the moon and sun are both in the sky, you must choose which to set with.

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

If you rise with the sun, you must also set with the sun. If you rise with the moon, you must also set with the moon. If the moon and sun are both in the sky, you must choose which to set with.

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

There is a reason you need to let go of the things you love. It is so you can suffer. Your suffering will make you grow into a better person, so you cause less suffering.

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

If you shoot an arrow into the air, make sure you are safe about it. Innocent bystanders can't be helped (why would they be around a guy firing arrows off into the sky?), but don't hit a dear friend or partner if you can help it.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

If you shoot an arrow into the air, make sure you are safe about it. Innocent bystanders can't be helped (why would they be around a guy firing arrows off into the sky?), but don't hit a dear friend or partner if you can help it.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

We're sorry, but your horoscope space has been temporarily rented out to Big Billy Bob's Cars: Where if you aren't screaming with joy at the deals, you'll certainly be screaming from the shoddy wheels.

Games & Leisure

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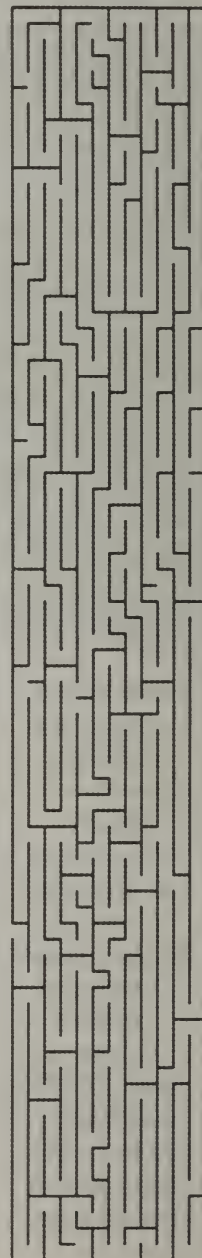
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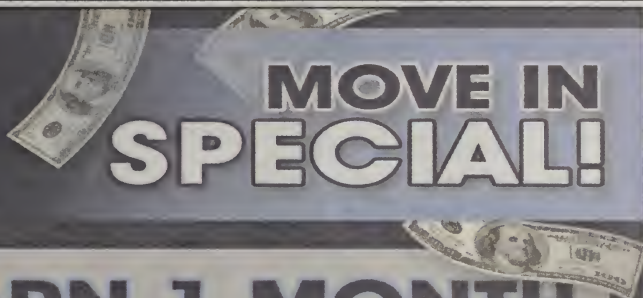
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3/4	5 p	Leah Nielsen Poetry Reading	Ely Library
3/4	7:30 p	Spring Concert	Dever Stage
3/5	8:30 a	Vendor: Army Recruiter	Ely Lobby 100
3/5	9-6 p	Vendor: Ted's Build-A-Bracelet	Ely Lobby 100
3/5	1:30-4 p	6th Annual Career Fair	SBH
3/5	5 p	Speaker Dr. Tamara Smith	Wilson SAV A
3/5	5 p	In Memory of Kevin Friedland	Dever Stage
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3/5	5:30 p	Reception: Temporal & Terrestrial	D'town Art Gallery

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WSKB-FM “pumps up the frequency” with new radio antenna installed during Spring Break

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

WSKB can now be heard clearly over most of the Pioneer Valley thanks to a new radio antenna installed last week.

Testing has concluded that the radio station can now be heard as far west as Huntington, as far east as exit six in Chicopee on the Massachusetts Turnpike, and as far north as the southern border of Northampton.

The old tower, which was atop the Ely Campus Center for over 25 years, was makeshift and relatively ineffective as far as getting the signal out, said Curt Robie, assistant vice president for facilities and operations.

“Our tower is in compliance with our license,” said Robie. “It’s the first time that we’re at full wattage.”

A radio station that fails to fulfill the signal requirements of its FCC license is subject to fines or being taken off the air. For a while, the radio station was barely making the cut as far as its signal strength.

Aside from the online feed, this new tower is the first time that station is heard outside of the city of Westfield.

The original “tower” was in reality a wire that ran the length of the front part of the Ely Campus Center. This was when the station was on AM.

Once the station went to the

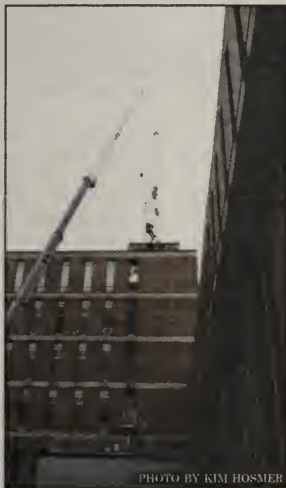


PHOTO BY KIMI HOSMER

(above left) Workers from Hampden Communications were high atop the Ely Campus Center all week; (above right) The installation process of the antenna, which has increased the signal.

FM band, the tower had to be upgraded.

The antenna project is the last part of the renovations that were done to the radio station on the third floor of the Ely Campus Center.

During the project that allowed for the addition to Ely in 2009-10, the radio station was renovated. State-of-the-art equipment was added, which put the station in the position to be “the envy of the area,” according to Robie.



PHOTO FROM CURT ROBIE

The installation came in at \$40,000, which includes all of the labor and materials. It was installed by Hampden Communications.

While Robie was wary to say that the new tower could put the station in competition with WMUA-FM at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, the new strength that the station boasts does allow for the station to market its studio to members of the community that would like to host their own

shows.

Currently, there are 44 shows that are on the schedule. The schedule runs from morning until late into the night.

Science annex update

While nothing new has specifically happened in the planning of the new science building, work is moving at a brisk pace, said Curt Robie.

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Looking to check out WSKB? Use the schedule on page five to find all of the shows airing this semester.

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Clover Food Lab, a vegetarian and vegan restaurant chain located on Holyoke St., installed the first Bitcoin ATM in Harvard Square. The ATM is the second that Liberty Teller, has constructed.

The Daily Campus,

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The Undergraduate Student Government Judiciary disqualified presidential candidate Carlyle Bethel from the presidential race, citing potential time constraints as the reason for his ineligibility.

The Daily Orange,

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
Sigma Alpha Epsilon, one of the nation's largest fraternities, announced that effective March 9, it will eliminate pledge programming

Want to know more about the 175th Gala?

Matthew Carlin

Assistant Managing Editor

The Westfield State Foundation, the fundraising arm of Westfield State University, is hosting alongside Westfield Administration the 175th Gala, a student benefit that also celebrates the university's 175th anniversary. The gala has the main goal of raising money for student scholarships as general, book and intern scholarships.

On the matter of intern scholarships, the foundation is participating in a dollar for dollar match with the state. The gala is having wonderful success already by selling all of their tickets weeks before the event.

Some community members who are in attendance are local businesses, parents, local legislators, and over 100 students who represent nearly every academic department on campus.

This gala will feature all the exemplary work of the faculty and staff alongside the outstanding achievements by students.

The event described by Lisa McMahon, is one where attendees will be experiencing the accomplishments of both the students and faculty on the very campus they were made at. As it currently stands, the gala has raised over \$100,000 to benefit the university, specifically the students.

The foundation and university are very grateful for the numerous organizations have written off all their contributions are free donations, so all the money raised can be directly given the benefit rather than pay for costs.

One of the biggest contributors on campus is Sodexo, who holds the students in such high regard and has underwritten all of their services including the dining that they shall be providing to the hundreds of guests in attendance.

Sodexo has been a wonderful help to both the gala and the foundation, and their contributions to it shall be a wonderful benefit to the student scholarships.

Some of the university members that will be making one of the very few speeches (one of the most stressed points for the whole events is the restriction on the public speaking) will be done by the executive director of advancement Mike Knapik, Student Government Association Vice President of Finance Joshua Frank, and Interim President Elizabeth Preston, as well as a few others.

The community has been so excited by the potential of the gala, members of both the Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA Corporation will be in attendance.

All the members of the gala will be presented with a cocktail hour where students from all over campus, the athletics department, SGA, and the theatre groups will be offering examples of all the work the university and they have accomplished.

The one thing that many events on campus have had is the complexity of show-

casing the academic accomplishments of the university. This gala, however, is far from the norm, and will be a wonderful example of all the hard work and dedication both the students and faculty put into their time here.

Planning still needs to be done, and there will be more news on the gala once the event is closer

Hockey... on the Green?



The melted snow created an ice rink on the green and allowed students to have an impromptu hockey game.

Mr. Westfield is back on March 29th at Dever Stage



PHOTO BY BRITTANY MONIZ VIA FACEBOOK

Class president Brittany Moniz (foreground) is offering the toast at the 100 Days event held last week. In the background are class officers Sarah Dowd, Tom Durkee, and Jen McDiarmid.

Brittany Moniz Voice Contributor

The third annual Mr. Westfield pageant to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation is next Saturday, March 29 on Dever Stage. The show will begin at 8 p.m. and features contestants from all over campus competing for the 2014 Mr. Westfield crown.

The show consists of an opening dance routine, outfit-of-choice, talent, for-

malwear, and Q&A. Contestants also earn points by fundraising. You can help your favorite contestant, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, by donating directly to a contestant or by purchasing a star in their name. Stars are only \$1 and will be sold in the Dining Commons next week, as well as at the show.

This year, the show is sponsored by the 2014 and 2015 Class Councils. The previous two shows have

raised over \$8,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The 2014 Class Council presented a \$6,000 check to the nonprofit last September to grant their first wish. The Council's hope is to grant a second wish with the success of this year's show.

Tickets are on sale at the Campus Center Service Window in Ely and can also be purchased at the door. Tickets for students are \$2 and \$5 for guests.

Mr. Westfield 2014 Contestants

Mr. 2014 -- Alex Baker

Mr. 2015 -- Dave Langlois

Mr. 2016 -- Mitchell Bendetti

Mr. 2017 -- Domenico Cerasani

Mr. Commuter -- Brian Hungerford

Mr. Davis -- Nick Smarra

Mr. Dickinson -- Nick Raines

Mr. Lammers -- Brian Farrell

Mr. New Hall -- Cleston Flemming

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student government

Informative Senate meeting ends with palpable tension as Finance Committee announces they are in fact accepting proposals again

The Student Government Association welcomed back Joshua Hettrick to answer more questions that the SGA had about the online housing signup that starts next on Monday, March 24.

Hettrick, during this meeting rather than the Feb. 11 meeting, went over the sign up process step by step on a laptop with fake accounts to simulate what students will be facing on sign up nights. He said the more SGA knows about the signup process, the more help they can be to students. "We are trying to get the right information out because some of the rumors that I heard are impressively wrong," Hettrick said.

Monday night will be for seniors and juniors only. Hettrick said that going by class year is very important because it makes the process consistent and fair. The time frame for getting a room on each night starts at 5 p.m. and ends at 10:59 p.m. Students have plenty of time and are not rushed by a time limit when they receive their time slot to pick a room. This time frame allows 720 potential students to sign up on each night, said Hettrick.

He said that students say that seniority is one of the most important parts of signing up on any night. This means that if a senior or junior has to sign up on the sophomore or freshman night, those upperclassmen will receive a time that that is earlier than the sophomores and freshmen. All times are given to students on the day before the signup night.

Hettrick then went through the signup process step by step in a demo that was shown with a projector

and screen for the SGA. He brought up that some students say they are having a hard time finding students to request as roommates even though they completed the myhousing agreement. He recommended that searching for only the student's last name is the best way to find in the database.

"If you have looked at your Westfield email over the past six weeks, you know I have sent way too many emails about this process. The problem is nobody is reading them," said Hettrick. Emails are being sent to commuters that are entering the room sign-up process, which are being sent by Kim Morgan in Student Affairs, as opposed to Hettrick.

He said that all of students are just going into the system and doing what they think is the right way to sign up and not doing it the way it needs to be done. Hettrick encourages all students to read the emails that show the step-by-step process for signing up.

About 400 to 500 students have not completed their housing agreements, said Hettrick. He also addressed again about roommate requests and confirmations. Everyone in a group must confirm that they all want to live together for the room confirmation to go through. There is a tab called "my future roommate request," that shows the status of your group to see who still needs to be eligible for the room. If the person has not completed the housing agreement or has not been accepted by everyone, they will not be able to be with a group that is selecting a room on the signup night. The whole group would not



Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

be able to select a room because of that one student. He said everyone must be requested, and suggested doing all of this work before the night of signups.

Hettrick said that the process to sign up for a room takes three minutes if you have everything planned out beforehand and know what you want for housing.

Andrew Morin, representative of Lammers Hall, asked Hettrick about how to notify other students that you are already in a group. A student can go to the settings on the myhousing page and make the account private so other students cannot find you.

"Please, please, please have back up plans, the more you have planned up front the better off you are going to be and make your night easier when signing up," said Hettrick. He closed by saying that, "We get criticism every year, no matter how we do this sign up. We take our criticism critically, and we sit down with the housing committee and other groups to get feedback to make improvements for each year."

He said it is unrealistic that the process can make 2,000 people happy with everything it offers. But, hopefully everything will go smooth. Hettrick encourag-

es everyone to ask for help up front to make your night easy and stress free.

After Hettrick was done, Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, thanked Hettrick and took the podium. She welcomed all the SGA members from spring break and hoped everyone had a restful and relaxing one. She announced that the new revised SGA constitution will be relaxed early in April.

After the madame president was done, Stone Koury, student trustee, gave a brief report on "State House Day." He said it went extremely well and the students really showed a great display for support in higher education.

Victoria Landry, representative of the class of 2015 and chair of the Neighborhood Advisory Board, said that the board is going to sponsor an event at Lansdowne Place at 6:30 p.m. on March 24 to meet with the fellow neighbors near the apartment. The neighbors can meet with fellow community members, university administration, and local law enforcement to address any concerns the neighbors might have.

Rebecca DiVico, vice president of student life, announced that she created a checklist for the housing sign up. The inside of the pamphlet can be found on page 11 of this issue.

Andrew McCormack, vice president of academic life, announced that the new public safety chief position has been filled by Tony Casciano.

Joshua Frank, vice president of finance, addressed a mistake that he said at the March 4 meeting. He said originally that the Finance Committee will not be ac-

cepting any more proposals from clubs due to the committee going over their budget. He now said that they will still be accepting proposals.

Steve Mailloux, representative-at-large, asked why the committee was still accepting proposals when they said they were not.

He also added, "You guys clearly do not know how to stick to a budget, which bothers me personally." When Mailloux said this, all if not most of the SGA members either made a gasping sound or had a disgusted look on their face.

Frank responded by saying, "We are still accepting proposals so that students don't miss out on any opportunities. We have a very flourished reserved account of money." This is the first time the committee has gone over their reserves.

They did not, however, use all of their money last year. The money from last year went into the SGA reserve account so the extra proposals will not put the Student Government in any financial trouble.

After a tense ending, the SGA adjourned for their next meeting as the sunlight stays out later, flowers bloom, and spring begins here at Westfield State University.

Those who missed the opening role call were: Brittaney Moniz, Ryan Losco, Gina Mannarino, Tara Saraf, Alexander Gage, and Justin Connolly.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be on March 25, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

From the front page

New radio antenna brings stronger signal to WSKB-FM

There are ongoing meetings as part of the planning process amongst the campus officials and members of the office of Richard Freeland, commissioner of higher education.

Currently, the architectural drawings are being reviewed for electrical, heating, and ventilation so that the university can determine if it's maintainable once they begin to care for the building.

Once the architectural drawings are done, the construction drawings will start being put together.

Construction will start in

the fall of 2014 and is projected to be completed by August of 2016 so that the applicable departments can move into the building.

When asked if this process is quicker than usual, Robie said that they are working at a robust pace.

A report to the Student Government is expected to be presented soon. Once a contractor is hired in April, there will be an idea as to the sections of the Commuter Lot that will be taken for the equipment. The Parking Control Board is also working on the parking inconveniences that will be incurred.

Corrections and Clarifications

The article on page four of last week's issue of *The Westfield Voice*, "SGA entertains the final finance proposals of the year at their last meeting; Finance Committee out of money for allocation," was published with the wrong byline. It said that Joshua Clark, editor-in-chief, wrote the article. Ryan Caulfield, SGA correspondent, wrote the article as he has all year.

If you find an error within *The Westfield Voice*, please address them to Matthew Carlin, assistant managing editor and corrections editor, at mcarlin6141@westfield.ma.edu.

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## What's airing on WSKB 89.5 FM?

Use this guide to find something new on WSKB to listen to!

### Sunday

**12p-2p:** James Zissulis  
**2p-4p:** Evan and Harry, "Devil's Advocates"  
**4p-6p:** Jessica Coons and Kelly Steele, "Marge & Marge"  
**6p-8p:** Ryan Sances  
**8p-10p:** Cam Keating and Billy Titus  
**10p-12a:** Rich Scott and Elise Cluster, "Derplery"

### Monday

**2p-4p:** David Langlois "Half Day Hip-Hop",  
**4p-6p:** Gabrielle Nunez "Classic Media Show"  
**6p-8p:** Kevin Urban and Michael Gonthier  
**8p-10p:** Alex Macbeth  
**10p-12a:** Earron & Sabrina "Half and Half"

### Tuesday

**10a-12p:** Tyler Berlin "Sports Alternative"  
**12p-2p:** Brian Cummings  
**4p-6p:** Mitchell Barnes "Geeks with Issues"  
**6p-8a:** Jake Lehan "Nostalgic Crease"  
**8p-10p:** Maurice Taylor "Po-etic Recovery"  
**10p-12a:** Kaitlyn Smith

### Wednesday

**8a-10a:** Audrey Peiubeni and Kaila Cummings "Dirty Money"  
**10a-12p:** Nicholas King "Nick's Noon Hour"  
**4p-6p:** Jon Rebmman and Nic Odell "Sports Talk"  
**6p-8p:** Patrick Rice "The P-Rice Show"  
**8p-10p:** Kaila Cummings & Kyle Johnston "Kaila & Kyle"  
**10p-12a:** Peter Fidrych

### Thursday

**8a-10a:** Joe Gentile & Company  
**10a-12p:** Mike Drew "Sport's Hour"  
**12p-2p:** Charles Mosley  
**2p-4p:** Jack Corsi "Corsi's Crease"  
**4p-6p:** Maria Staffieri & Alex Renda "Asterisk" "Geeks with Issues"  
**6p-8a:** Joshua Clark/Josh Minardi/Matt Carlin, "Gentlemen's Weekly"  
**8p-10p:** Brad Avery & Kyle Johnston, "BECOMING #YOLO"  
**10p-12a:** Sam Weinberg, "The Timewarp"

### Friday

**8a-10a:** Justin Fernandes "The Escape"  
**12p-2p:** Brian Cummings

**2p-4p:** Allyson Traphagen  
**4p-6p:** JT & Nate "Hip Hop Hooradio!"  
**6p-8p:** Brad Bator & Clark Ristaino "Ataraxia Radio"  
**8p-10p:** Emily Dauer & Paul Sawyer "The Dauer Hour"

### Saturday

**10a-12p:** Vianchi  
**12p-2p:** Jake Sacco "Hazardous Radio"  
**2p-4p:** Barret Tamaren Leddy & Guests "release the Bees"  
**4p-6p:** Rachael Roque' ft. Kyle Morton & David Harasymiw "A Show About Nothing"  
**8p-10p:** Greg McMillan "The Bruins Buzz"  
**10p-12a:** Karen & Ben "Sorry in Advance"  
(This schedule is subject to change.)

## From 'The Voice' Vault

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assembled by Matthew Carlin, assistant managing editor

This article was published in the March 4, 2002 issue of The Campus Voice.

# 16 days in the Islamic Republic: WSU history professor visits Iran

**Mike Brill and  
Mara Dodge**  
Voice Reporter and  
History Professor

Professor Mara Dodge of WSU's History Department had the opportunity to visit one of the world's most historic countries in 2010.

Through an organization called Global Exchange, Dodge spent two weeks exploring the Islamic Republic of Iran. Her trip included nearly 1,600 miles of travel in-country and stays at four of Iran's most culturally significant and historic cities—Tehran, Yazd, Shiraz, and Esfahan.

Recalling "how much color and life there was everywhere" and in the Iranians she met, the history professor described her time in the land of Ancient Persia as the most fascinating trip of her life. Many of the most valuable experiences came from the Iranian people she met, including visits with former relatives she hadn't seen in 20 years.

She was especially interested in the status of women and girls. Despite legislation on their dress and the unfair treatment they receive from the country's legal and religious authorities, Iranian women have by no means been rendered powerless or submissive. Many did not hesitate to openly voice displeasure with existing laws governing female dress or to openly voice their disapproval with their country's political leaders, even when talking to a visiting American on the street.

As in Egypt this past month, in June 2009 millions of Iranian men and women protested against their government. These pro-democracy protesters believed that a reformist candidate had been the rightful winner of the Iranian presidential election and alleged



Photo taken by Professor Mara Dodge

Two sisters, Marziah and Elohe, invited Prof. Dodge's group to their house for dinner.

that Ahmadinejad's reelection had only been achieved through massive election fraud. Although their "Green Revolution" failed, protests continue today.

A major form of expression for Iranian women is their style of dress. Some choose to dress more conservatively in black, proudly wearing the full "chador," while others sport styles and clothing popular with women in Western countries in addition to their traditional scarves. Professor Dodge was also surprised by the diversity she saw everywhere and intrigued at meeting groups of women friends who were all wearing very different clothing styles.

Iran's women are also highly educated and 65% of the students currently studying in the country's universities are female. While visiting the ancient trade-route city of Yazd, Professor Dodge's group was approached by three female Genetics students eager to converse. Each of them wore different styles of scarves and degrees of covering. When asked what the meaning of such differences was for them, they answered that "it meant freedom of belief."

Later, in the city of Shiraz, Dodge encountered a chador-wearing PHD student who was studying English literature and writing her dissertation comparing American and Iranian children's literature. Dr. Dodge also met female college students majoring in law, psychology, tourism, chemistry and archeology. Today, families are very small in Iran (two children per couple) and the average age of marriage for both men and women is late 20s.

Throughout their travels, Dodge's group was received with warmth and hospitality by Iranian men and women of all ages. According to Dr. Dodge, they were "constantly stopped by people eager to converse with Americans" and "experienced no hostility anywhere at any point."

Though Farsi is Iran's official and most spoken language, Iranian children begin their English language studies in the sixth grade and nearly all highway and other important signs are in both Farsi and English.

The tour group's guide, a man named Jaleel, lived in the U.S. for 15 years and had

## Dear Campus Voice:

The quote in the last issue "Having a cheaper headline band will cut the ticket prices for students" is not a justifiable reason to have Run DMC headline Spring Weekend 2002. Run DMC will cost WSC \$15,000, while Ja-Rule would cost \$25,000. It says in the article that the price of a student ticket is 10 dollars. I figure that if Ja-Rule comes to this campus to put on a show about 2,500 people would show up. If you charge 15 dollars instead of 10 you would get an increase of \$12,500, which would cover the cost of Ja-Rule with money to spare.

"Run DMC is a modern day legend of hip-hop." If anyone on campus can name more than four songs from Run DMC (not including "Walk This Way", because it's nothing without Aerosmith) then please tell me. On the other hand, Ja-Rule is a "modern day" legend with hit after hit. I don't know about the rest of this campus, but I would rather see Ja-Rule than ride in a brand new shuttle bus.

Furthermore, a recent guest lecturer here at Westfield State cost approximately \$3,000 to put on—and this was one of the cheaper ones of the week. Attendance to these speakers' presentations draw maybe a hundred people while a Spring Weekend concert is notorious for drawing in a majority of the college campus annually. I feel that junior Adam Sassone hits it right on the head by saying, "I think Run DMC is a waste of money and a waste of time to go see."

**-Jeff Eagan**

been a successful realtor in the Atlanta area. The bursting of the housing bubble led him and his family to return to their native land. Jaleel now guides tourists across Iran as well as other countries in the region.

While speaking with two sisters in the city of Yazd, Professor Dodge asked what her group should tell people in the U.S. about Iran. They answered by saying how important it was to "show a positive face to Iran because we are so misunderstood." The sisters and other Iranians stressed that the policies of their government or the U.S. do not have anything to do with the way they view or treat American people.

Despite the U.S' history of intervention in Iran, disputes with its government

over many Middle East policies, and challenging of the country's nuclear program, Professor Dodge found that her group was greeted and invited for tea by both supporters and opponents of Iran's hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Even with the glaring contradictions between a repressive theocratic regime ruling and a modern country that simultaneously values its own culture while absorbing influences from the Western world, a clear picture emerged for Professor Dodge.

"Iran is an extremely diverse, dynamic, and developed country with a very pro-American population," Dodge explained. It would be a tragedy if such good will were to be squandered.



# Opinions & Editorials

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RACE RUGH, Editor

## The Secularist View

# The Necessity of Humanism

Imagine if both of the major political parties demanded equal rights for 'the people'.

Better yet, imagine if there was one single party, and that party was at the forefront of a true secular humanism movement.

So we are all clear, here is one definition given by the Random House Webster's College Dictionary for secular humanism: Any system or mode of thought or action in which human interests, values, and dignity predominate, esp. an ethical theory that often rejects the importance of a belief in God.

This will undoubtedly be an arduous task, but imagine for me again if you will, a broadly educated, scientifically literate government that thoroughly instituted secular values. In order for this kind of government, we would need a broadly educated, scientifically literate populace.

With this, though, we would have to move



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Op-Ed Editor

past the popular and utterly misguided stigmas held against nonreligious people.

Once we can grow away from these embarrassingly primitive ideas that people who believe in, and live a life without religion are inferior to those who do, we will have more opportunities to flourish as a nation.

Now, the reason I am writing this column is because of how divided this country is becoming. We have a religious conservative right that has no grasp on the first amendment, or the motivations of the founding fathers.

We also have a liberal left that, while it supports equality, does

not go far enough.

We have private religious schools teaching our children that the Earth is younger than it really is, and that humans coexisted with dinosaurs.

I'm obviously not advocating the removal of religion; it has played a crucial role in the development of our country.

What I am saying is that we need to prioritize. We want an intelligent, well-educated government; we need to start educating all of our children about the facts.

If we have half our nation (government included) believing God created the universe under 10,000 years ago, there is a fundamental problem with our education system.

As theoretical physicist and public educator of science Lawrence Krauss says, teaching our children beliefs that contradict the facts is essentially child abuse.

We teach these kids certain scientifically untrue religious beliefs, willingly misguid-

ing them in the direction of ignorance. This is something we should not stand for.

As the intellectual hero of mine, Carl Sagan, once said, "We have designed our civilization based on science and technology and at the same time arranged things so that almost no one understands anything at all about science and technology. This is a clear prescription for disaster."

Our own government doesn't truly grasp science and technology; so, we need to go back to our education system.

My cousin attends a secular private school, but has to pay thousands of dollars a year to attend. The education she receives is of the highest quality, but it is, again, at a cost of thousands of dollars.

This is the type of education we need to see available to the entire public for free.

But this political division and path away from the views of the founding fathers leads

us to inevitably leave out the less fortunate. This is tremendously disastrous.

I have kind of strayed away from the main point here. So, this is what a secular humanist could do for the country.

A secular humanist is a person who does not favor one type of person over another. We are all people. Whether poor, wealthy, gay, straight, African, Asian, short, tall, etc., we are humans and that is as far as it goes.

There would be no division between religions. There would be no division between sexuality and race; it would just be our humanity.

Our religious convictions convince us that certain people don't have, or don't deserve the rights that others do.

Our religious members of government use their beliefs to stifle progress. This comes from an inadequate education system. Which, if it were adequate, would break us free from these shackles.

## The Conservative View

# Questions left over from CPAC 2014

Something that has become an increasingly more potent question for conservatives today is the future of our party. Currently as it stands, the Republican Party is divided into two main factions, the Tea Party Movement and what can be considered Modern Republicans.

Just before spring break, I, along with two other students, attended the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) over by our nation's capitol. While I was there, I was entertained by numerous speeches from Senators Tom Coburn, Rand Paul, Ted Cruz, Governor Chris Christie, and even Donald Trump. All of these active conservatives offered a different message to the community and each was received with open ears.

So what are these messages? One was very clear from all the speakers: We need to stop being the party that's against, but instead be a party for something. However, it was a little weird when each politician elaborated what we need to be for. Tom Coburn simply stated the need for transparent government, when earlier in his

term, he presented a 61 billion dollar defense budget that was funding the most peculiar items; ranging from MIT students finding red balloons to funding microbreweries. Now, I am an adamant supporter for defense spending, however, this is just cruelly mocking taxpayers.

Ted Cruz and Rand Paul both called out the Obama administration for its inability to balance the budget and mandating an individual health-care law that is enforced at will. However, Rand (most commonly known for the Tea Party: I Stand With Rand, movement) went as far as to say: "Now, I'm not up here saying to vote for Republicans, because I am not up here to advocate voting for the lesser of two evils." I won't honor the congressman with a rebuttal, because his movement of uneducated, emotion filled tea partiers doesn't deserve one. However, I will say to the 31% of CPAC attendees who voted him in the straw poll for the 2016 Presidential candidate, someone who doesn't advocate for republicans shouldn't get their nomination: Plain and simple.

Donald Trump was a man



**Matt Carlin**  
Asst. Managing Editor

of very few words during his speech, and I know that is surprising. However, he made some statements that were not coated in political jargon or laced with fluff. These included the three things the Republican Party has to do to get back in power. 1) Stay in power 2) stop fighting with each other and 3) repeal ObamaCare. His speech was informal and straight to the point; unity will be the only way for a republican government in 2016.

Finally I got to the man of the hour, or so I shall call him. Governor Chris Christie came out Thursday morning with the stride and confidence of a respectable leader. Christie echoed the battle

cry of republicans to take back the senate and to stop the division within the party. Christie, who is the governor of one of the bluest states in the country, has spent the last term going across the aisle in order to provide a bipartisan and efficient government in the state of New Jersey. Over the last few weeks Christie has been haunted by "Bridge gate," a poor excuse to hide all of the liberal failures of the past term of governance of the nation.

Side note: during this bridge gate Obama had once again moved corporate mandates for his Obamacare law, forced congress to pass a law to obtain the ability to enforce their passed laws, went on vacation in Florida while threatening hostilities with Russia, and has still failed in the enrollment of ObamaCare to the millions of "young Americans who will fund it"... oh and he did go on "between two ferns" so I guess he's better than Christie. \*

So I guess the real question for Christie at the conference was what is the future of the Republican Party, and here is something that will knock your socks off. Christie

said, "You know I have been asked as a republican if I am pro-life, and I refuse to answer that question anymore. You know why? Because I am pro-life... for after the 9 months that the rest of the nation cares about." If there were a Fox News crew there, it would have been a headline: 'Breaking News, Shots fired at CPAC' because that is exactly what happened. Christie has brought up a point that has been in the dark depths of every republican's mind for the last 8 years. Is social conservatism dead?

Next week I will address this question at more length, however for a sneak peek, check out "Gentlemen's Weekly" on 89.5 WSKB radio where I will offer a few insights to the topic.

One thing has become a pressing matter to republicans around the nation, what is the future of our party?

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## The Liberal View

# President Obama working with Afghan President Karzai

President Barack Obama has been negotiating, so to speak, with Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

Obama made demands for a bi-lateral agreement to stay in Afghanistan, but Karzai refused.

About a month ago Obama told the pentagon to pull troops out of Afghanistan much quicker than anticipated, which had been planned for December 2014.

In a phone call, Obama said he was willing to wait longer for Karzai's decision before making any military moves until after the Afghan election in April.

It's been over a de-

cade since the invasion of Afghanistan and there appears to be very little progress made. Many families have been anticipating the return home of 10,000 troops, while others mourn the loss of about 1,500.

According to CNN, Public disapproval rates of the war from the start of the war in 2001 have dipped from 51% to less than 20% currently.

CNN reported that this is "arguably most unpopular [war] in US history".

Personally, I never believed it was worth it in the first place. Plus, little progress has been made in the 13 years that US troops have been involved.



**Erika Hayden**  
Voice Columnist

I believe that in that time we have been a powerful influence in the everyday lives there and fear a civil war with the quick removal of stabilizing troops.

Karzai wants to make sure there is military pressure to prevent a civil war. Obama commented on the

issue saying, "I can't ask the young men and women to serve in a country without the protections afforded by a bilateral security agreement."

These steps should have been made considerably earlier during the administration. Essentially threatening a civil war break out for permanent access of Afghan resources after an invasion we should have opted out all together with, seems a bit off.

Highest-ranking officer General Martin Dempsey, says that talking about withdrawing troops and eventually doing so could encourage the Taliban to rise again.

Though I know many would like to see our troops come home, I think that this should be carefully thought out until we know for sure who next president will be in Afghanistan.

I also believe that the issue should have been more of a priority when Karzai's second term began, to make steps in moving forward in the issue.

I also would like to point out that any form of progress towards a democratic government, loss of lives for both countries, and other repercussions of the war would be lost for cause if we removed troops too quickly and civil war broke out.



## From the Editor's Desk

# "Most Influential" section was hard work but definitely rewarding; Westfield State students are in no way like UMass Amherst students

So, the long and arduous task of figuring out the most influential students is over. I would like to thank everyone who sent a nomination.

The entire thing started at the end of January when I was thinking about how we could put out a 28- or 32-page newspaper.

Stocking the shelves at the grocery store at which I work, I realized that we had never done any sort of special section like this before. My thought was to have students, faculty, staff, and librarians send in nominations to create "the 15 most influential students on campus."

I posed the idea to the staff, who were very receptive to the idea. The work began.

As the planning was being done, one of our advisors, George Layng, and Matt Carlin, our assistant managing editor, asked if it was more wise to have only ten students instead of fifteen.

I sent out a flyer in the middle of February with the three questions that all of the nominators should answer.

They were, "How is the student influential?" "How does the student use their influence in a positive way?" and "What are lasting contributions that they have made to the university?"

A due date of Feb. 28 was set and the rest is history.

We received a multitude of nominations, and the task began to pick our ten.

The editorial board made the decision on the ten that were picked (did you think I was going to name the ten here?!) and needed to choose the order in which they would appear.

To do that, the board voted on where they thought each person should be. We then decided to put each person on slips of paper. We drew each name and wrote down each person as they were pulled out of a hat.

Overall, the different rankings

each person ended up with did not differ all too much. The final ranking process is derived from the board voting and random selection process.

So, why March 21? This seems like an arbitrary date.

To be completely honest, a 32-page paper is a huge undertaking. This almost did not need to be said. On any given week, a 24-page paper is even a huge commitment.

In that case, what then allowed us to complete the 32-page paper that you are currently reading? The easy answer, then, is Spring Break.

During Spring Break, I came to campus to begin work on the project that would turn into countless hours of writing, creating layouts, and tweaking. When the final ten were selected, I sent an email to each of them. They were asked to submit the way their name should be spelled, hometown, major, and any special comment that they would like to include.

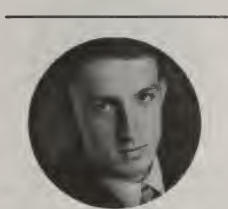
The task was then launched to write the "blurb" that would go with each person. The "blurbs," which were between 250 and 375 words each, are about the achievements, influence, and long lasting contributions of each person.

While the "blurbs" were being written, I had to figure out the layout.

I have never planned a "top ten" section for anything, so figuring out how to lay something like this out over eight pages was a challenge.

On my side was my experience with the yearbook as a senior in high school.

You will notice when as you progress through the section that the eye should be inclined to move from the top of page 14 with number ten, to the bottom of the same page with



**Joshua Clark**  
Editor-in-Chief

number nine, then across to the bottom of page 15 with number eight, back up to the top with number seven, and so on.

Once you reach the fourth most influential student, you will notice that they have their own page. This was a conscious effort on my part, as I wanted to highlight the top four students

with more photos, not necessarily more text.

The section is in full color, which prevented us from running color on the other pages that ordinarily have it, but it is more meaningful this way.

Another thing you'll notice is that this section of the paper is in the dead center of the issue.

This is more for parents and relatives, then anything. Simply remove the staples and take the section out of the paper and you'll be left with a 24-page newspaper and an eight-page pullout.

Efforts will be executed to keep as many copies of this issue as possible so that anyone that wants extra copies can get them.

If you have any questions or comments about "the 10 most influential students on campus," please address to me at [thevoice@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:thevoice@westfield.ma.edu).

## Students at Westfield are nothing like UMass Amherst students

I am not going to address the Blarney Blowout specifically, other than to say that there were Westfield State students there and I know that some of them got pepper-sprayed.

The fact of the matter is that there is the notion amongst residents in the city of Westfield that students from this university are unruly and misbehaved.

While it is true that there may be some students who are the way that the residents portray them to be, the

thing to keep in mind is that they are in the minority. A severe minority, in fact.

Westfield State students by-and-large are thoughtful, insightful, and courteous.

We help out with HOOT Day, Relay for Life, Buzz-off for Cancer, Out of the Darkness and Into the Light walk, countless blood drives, an annual Turkey Drive, and an innumerate number of different other community service projects.

Our Student Government Association, with over sixty-five senators, is an incredibly powerful force in the university and community alike, ensuring that the university is always contributing in a positive way to the city of Westfield.

While the students at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst participate in their community in similar ways, the media has certainly painted a broad brush.

But it is true that the city of Amherst has a larger problem with unruly and inconsiderate students. The Blarney Blowout is evidence of that.

So this leads to the question that our downtown Westfield neighbors need to ask themselves: Are Westfield State students in any way similar to the students at the UMass Amherst?

If the answer to that question is no, then their points are moot and they can work toward building a better community with us.

If the answer to that question is yes, then they need to come to campus and look at all of the work that we are doing.

I will personally offer myself as a tour guide if necessary. The work of this university is too positive and enlightening to be undone by the few students who do not represent the overall reality that the majority of our student body lives everyday.

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*Please send your 'letter to the editor' to [thevoice@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:thevoice@westfield.ma.edu).*

## Gentlemen's Weekly

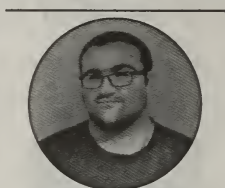
## Undercrown: Liga Privada produces another winner

It would be safe to say that the Liga Privada brand and extensions are some of the most popular on the cigar market. It was first released in 2007 and was a low profile cigar on the market, unable to compete with the fames of names such as Graycliff and Ashton. But, a little over a year after it was released, Cigars International, one of the leading online cigar superstores hosted, at their Bethlehem, PA warehouse, an event in which the (then) most popular extensions produced by Liga Privada, the No.9, was given out in freebie bags. They went like wildfire, and soon everyone was talking about this brand. Now, when retailers receive any Ligas, they can't keep them on the shelf. At my local tobacconist, I always have my buddy give me a call when he gets in the Liga Privada Undercrowns.

The Undercrown, easily one of my favorite cigars, has an interesting back-

story. At the Drew Estate plant that the Ligas are rolled at, Jonathan Drew had to ask his torcedores (cigar-rollers) to stop hoarding the best tobacco for their personal use. They then offered him one of these cigars they had rolled. Jonathan fell in love with it, and immediately started putting them into production as the "Undercrown." It is a beautiful cigar, but not one for the new cigar smoker. This is due partially to the complexity, and partially to the strength.

The Undercrown, like the other Liga Privada extensions, is made with extremely limited and rare tobacco. The wrapper comes from Mexico and is a unique strain of San Andreas Negro maduro seed grown exclusively for Liga Privada. The harvest is intentionally delayed by several weeks to allow for additional field and sun time, which results in a smoother, richer flavor. The leaf is called Otapan Negro Último Corte. Otapan



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pan is the vega (farm) in which the tobacco is grown and Último Corte is Spanish for last cut (which is a reference to the delayed harvest). The binder is a Connecticut River Valley Stalk Cut that is cured in the traditional Cuban style. With all that great tobacco in the wrapper, we must look at the filler, which is filled with two equally rare and flavorful tobaccos: the Brazilian Mata Fina and the Nicaraguan Cuban Seed tobacco.

The cigar is beautiful to look at. The gold and dark blue band is decorated with a griffin and an upside-

down crown and is easily one of the coolest bands in the cigar market right now. The cigar itself is also gorgeous, and the wrapper has a dark, almost black color to it, Maduro almost Oscuro. There are some veins throughout the cigar, and it is also toothy to touch. Holding the cigar to the nose, one can pick up wonderful aromas such as dark cherries, cocoa, wood, and anise. For this review, I smoked the Belicoso style cigars, which are 6" in length and have a 52 ring gauge. I have smoked Undercrowns before, but this was the one I had on me. I prefer shorter, Robusto-style cigars.

When I lit up the cigar, it began showing wonderful notes of cream, coffee, cocoa, and fruit. Like I said, it has a complex flavor. Along with these tremendous and balanced flavors, there is a slight finish of mint. The cigar is burning wonderfully and has a perfect burn line. The ash is white and firm, showing high quality tobacco.

The second third had those flavors I mentioned above continuing strong, but it was also joined by a nice, earthy taste. Because of these flavor complexities, I was picking up new flavors left and right. It began showing lovely notes of almonds and cedar, which were soon joined by hints of rich cream and espresso before getting a soft spicy and sweet finish. The smoke is still a constant medium, and wonderfully aromatic. The burn line is absolutely gorgeous and I am still holding on to the tight white ash that I had from the beginning.

Now, I am coming to the end of this cigar. There is a return of the mint flavors that I had in the first third,

and it is paired wonderfully with the cocoa, fruit, and cream notes I am getting. The finish is of spice and a soft sweetness and every draw is amazing. Throughout this third I was getting coffee and nutty flavors, but they were very subtle. The cigar is still smoking around medium body and when I got down to the nub, the cigar is still burning cool when I put it down. The ash was still holding strong throughout the smoke, and even though I put down the ash from earlier, I am sure that this fresher, white ash could have held on much longer.

This was a wonderful cigar, and every time I light an Undercrown up, I seem to discover some new flavor or aroma. The cigar was packed with wonderful flavors throughout the smoke, smoked wonderfully, and was always at a constant medium strength the whole way through. I will say that this is one of the best cigars that I have ever had, with a wonderful taste and aroma and a wonderful construction.

While it didn't change character much, when it did it provided me with tons of flavor, making me take my time and analyze this cigar. This extension is very popular, and rightfully so. The pricing is perfect on this cigar, and everything about it yells quality.

As always, I invite you to email me with any cigar-related questions (or questions about any of my articles), and you are welcome to come out with me at any time to enjoy a cigar.

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## Career Center

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## The Seventh Side: Your Weekly Dose of Satire

### Maybe the university should invest in some new kind of insurance

**D**ear university finance enthusiasts, You might have recently learned that from the financial reserves/accounts/gringotts vault/secret spam stash of Westfield State University, there was a payment to settle the legal fees regarding a certain person (he who could very well be named but I feel uncertain about it, but you know who I most likely am talking about anyway, although it isn't necessarily him). This being noted, Westfield couldn't hurt to do with some more money.

Don't worry, though, I have a plan. The university

could speculate on student futures and try to profit off of that. What we do is take out insurance policies on students who are likely to fail or drop out (of course, this is unbeknownst to the insurance companies) and yet we still tell students they are going to succeed, even influencing the grades to go higher in general (don't worry about grade inflation, it doesn't hurt anyone). That way, when they inexplicably drop out or fail, we can turn a profit from the cheap insurance policies.

If there is too much of a risk there, we can bundle

**Sind T. Zelony**

Not an A&E Editor

some of these insurance policies together, and sell them to the rich. The rich will think they are good, and then the university can make a killing off the difference.

We can even incentivize the wealthy buying these by giving them free ad space around the university. The desks in the classrooms around campus don't have anything on them, and we can capitalize on the empty space.

What about when this inevitably fails, the bursting of the fill-in-the-blank bubbles? Don't worry, we can blame the failing students on not doing well enough, not paying their intellectual dues, so to speak. After the enrollment rate drops, then we can have the government bailout Westfield for the difference, because it wouldn't be fair to the other students. The number of those students would still be too big to allow the college to fail.

Does this not make any sense to you? Don't worry, it isn't supposed to, we think.

The other option is we

rename University Hall after the law firm seeking the fees. It would be fitting seeing where the building came from. All the loose ends would tie up.

Nonetheless, these are just suggestions, and in no way am I including a hypnotic secret code inside this message.

My own in a solipsist sort of way,

Sind. T Zelony

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**Have you completed all of the steps for housing?**  
**Follow this checklist to make sure you're doing it right!**  
*Created by Rebecca DiVico, vice president of student life--Student Government Association*

## Checklist

- ☒ Pay your \$200 Room Reservation Deposit.
- ☐ Log onto MyHousing located in your myWestfield account under the Campus Life tab; click "Go to ApplyOnline" and complete your Housing Agreement and Application.
- ☐ Return to MyHousing and this time click "Go to MyHousing"; Go to Room Selection and click on Roommate Selection; Search by Last Name and request your roommates.
- ☐ Confirm your Roommate Group is MATCHED; NOT MATCHED will appear next to students who have not accepted their requests. Be sure all students in your group have confirmed BEFORE your Selection Night.
- ☐ Check your e-mail the day before Selection Nights to find out your selection time.
- ☐ Have the member of your group with the earliest selection time log onto MyHousing and click "Go to MyHousing"; Go to Room Selection and click on Select a Room/Suite; Select a room/suite from those available, place your group into the correct rooms and click Submit.
- ☐ Look for the confirmation on screen of your selection and check your e-mail for confirmation of your selection.
- ☐ Relax, your housing is now confirmed for 2014-2015!

## Tips & Suggestions

- Get together with your future roommates on your sign up nights and make an event out of it!
- Have the person with the earliest selection time ready to select for your group.
- Use the wired network during selection to avoid interruptions of your wireless signal.
- Have MULTIPLE back-up plans in case your first choice for housing does not work out. This includes multiple housing options and multiple roommate options.

## Questions?

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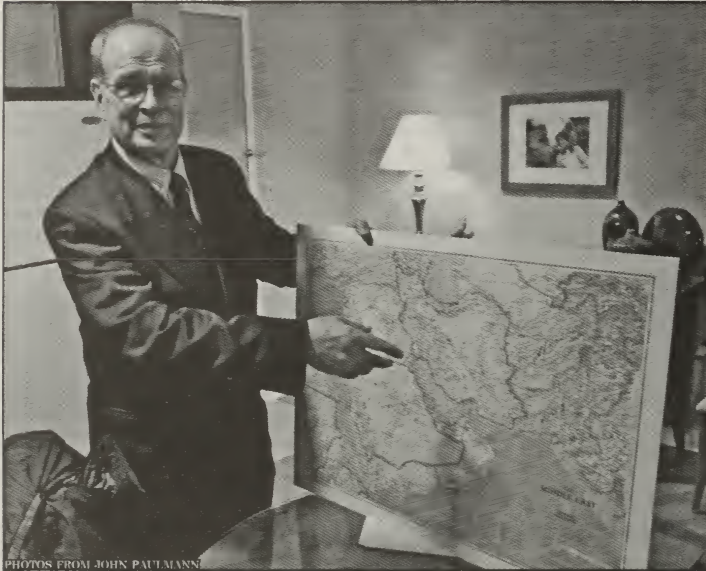
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## Jordanian professor Gali Tealakh talks with students about Middle East



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*Gali Tealakh came to Westfield State for a week to share his experiences with the students. He has studied all over the world and is shown here pointing to the Middle East, where he is from.*

### Erika Hayden Voice Columnist

Visiting Jordanian international professor, Gali Tealakh came to talk to myself and other students this week about history and context of the Arab Spring and bridging the eastern and western cultures through positive globalizations.

Tealakh's educational background includes Ph.D. from the University of Durham in England, MA, from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA, from Indiana University at Bloomington, MA, and from Moscow University.

I had the pleasure of first meeting with Gali Tealakh when he introduced himself to our ethics class. He is a very neat, soft-spoken man. He calmly recanted stories of the Middle East, speaking plainly but truthfully of conflict, pain, miscon-

ceptions, and hope for the Middle East.

Tealakh said that most governments in turmoil would not move to social or economic progression until the capital was burning. The lack of resources to sustain peoples' needs in the war-torn countries of the Middle East is not rooted in Islamic values.

I met with Gali on Monday in the Ely lounge near Dunkin and after treating me to a coffee, he spoke openly about his experience in the Middle East and Political Islam.

Much of it is a result of the World Wars that divided the Middle East for western beneficiaries, dividing people and countries to gain control of Suez Canal, warm water bases, Mediterranean access, and oil. The Middle East turned into a powder keg.

After the Middle East was dissected by western

countries the Cold War began, spreading Oriental Socialism to countries like Iraq, Syria, Egypt, and Libya. These countries were victims of corruption, cruelty, and poverty after socialist influences came over them; they were the first countries involved with the Arab Spring.

I asked him about culture here in the US and how it compares to that in Jordan. "They're identical," he answered.

People everywhere share the same culture dynamics and we interpret it differently. "Generosity, bravery, poverty, all these things, we all know it," said Tealakh. "Culture has a human side. What is different is tradition. Food and dance, these are all different but they are all there. We don't have wars on cultures."

I had asked him in the beginning of my interview,

if there was anything from Islam that inspired him ethically or that he took with him abroad and taught to his students.

He said he was completely secular; "My faith has a role in my morals, but is personal. My religion shouldn't influence you or my relationship with anyone, we can talk about it, agree or disagree, and that is that, but it is still private. I don't believe religion should create political connection."

"It is throughout history we use religion as an arm to clash. All religions teach peace, but it is used politically, which is dangerous. It is between man or woman and God alone. Politics don't belong to religion. Religion is personal."

Islam is not a violent religion, the world Islam itself means peace.

Tealakh continued, "We don't need to listen or hear the fundamentalists, extremists, or terrorists under the flag of any religion."

When we realize that people do terrible things in the name of Islam, or any religion, it is not that religion speaking, it is the individual. This realization is a victory for that religion, and people everywhere, Tealakh explained in class.

Many people here in the US need to debunk their notions of what Islam is and is not today.

We continued to talk about the effects of globalizations. Though it caused a disturbance in the Middle East by carving up countries and changing borders, Gali Tealakh is in favor of globalization, saying it was very positive for people everywhere.

"The new world is built on public opinion. Internet is the main instrument for this that brought light to the struggle [everywhere]"

said Tealakh, "Globalization needs to be about being open to everyone."

Later he told me that he believed humanity is maturing; there is a power in new developments. He expects to see that as reflection in modern globalization. The public is pushing and asking "why?" more and more.

He shared a story of how it was known to him from a colleague that a woman was to be stoned to death in Iran. Completely shocked, he told all of his other colleagues who spread the word to theirs, who then signed a petition to free the woman and find asylum in Italy and eventually the Netherlands.

He emphasized the power of the mass and public opinion to change the world we live in. It's so much easier to network and communicate with social and free media here in the US.

History of revolution is essential to America. Rebels in Syria, Egypt, and all over the Middle East knew the whole world would be watching and public values would realize the corruptions in the regime. Americans find themselves empathetic in their own histories. Public opinion drastically effects how we interact globally with other countries.

Students in particular hold an important role influencing generations old and new. They have been known to tear down a government, but they do not yet have the experience to repair the system.

We spoke briefly on the similarities of Arab Spring and what is happening between Russia and Ukraine. He told me about when he first attended University of Moscow during the Cold War; people lived poorly.

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Special to THE WESTFIELD VOICE

# *the most influential students on campus*

# 10

Nominated by members of the campus community

**W**hat is influence? It is defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary as “the power to change or affect someone or something.” The ten students that were nominated by Westfield State faculty, students, librarians, staff, and members of the campus community are the epitome of influence. They understand the importance of giving back to the campus community in dividends. Represented in this list are Student Government representatives and executive council members, club presidents, class officers, and other members of the student body. While every student exudes influence in one fashion or another, these ten are the most influential students on campus.

JOSHUA CLARK, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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## BRAD AVERY Class of 2014

ENGLISH

FRAMINGHAM, MASS.

“Well that was unexpected.”

That was the response of one Brad Avery, and the 10th most influential student on campus.

Co-founder of the WSU Film Society and senior executive board member of WSKB, Brad is involved in the expressive arts on this campus.

The Film Society, which has one existed for three years, is highly respected and important on this campus. The subject of a READ poster and busily hosting screenings of culturally significant films, the Film Society has become one of Avery's contributions that will outlast his time here at Westfield.

Maddy Cahill, a professor of communication, wrote in her nomination of him, “I’ve been here since 1995 and we had never had a student-run film club in that time.”

Another contribution of Avery's, according to Cahill, was his review of the film holdings of the Ely Library. He “made recommendations for DVD purchases that will bring our Library's holdings up to date with the most influential films for the WSU community to study and enjoy,” said Cahill.

In a whole other realm, he was very involved in the WSKB radio station.

The radio station, which just erected a new radio tower, benefitted from his leadership during the fall semester.

A long standing executive board member of the radio station, Avery has been influential in many of the events that they have put on, including the bake sales, spring concerts, and the wildly successful “Pump Up the Frequency” concert.

## Honorable mention

*The honorable mention is made up of students who the editorial staff of The Westfield Voice felt were worthy of a consideration for nomination of this award.*

**Joshua Frank, class of 2015**

Vice president of finance, Student Government Association

**Ryan Losco, class of 2016**

President, class of 2016

**Andrew McCormack, class of 2014**

Vice president of academic life, Student Government Association

**Brittany Moniz, class of 2014**

President, class of 2014

Student ambassador

**Michelle Springer, class of 2014**

President, Residence Hall Association

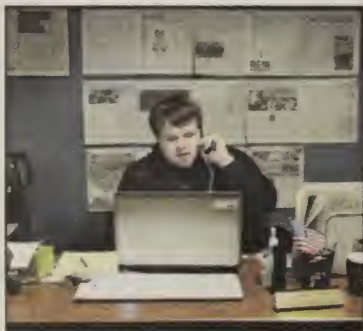
**Alexis Wagner, class of 2014**

Executive secretary, Student Government Association

POLITICAL SCIENCE / ECONOMICS  
NORTON, MASS.

## MATTHEW CARLIN Class of 2017

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Matthew Carlin in his natural habitat-- the office of The Westfield Voice. (above) Carlin in the office talking to a source for a story on Feb. 21. (photo by Joshua Clark)

**T**he only first-year on the list, Matthew Carlin has built up quite the resume for having been on campus for one-and-a-half semesters.

Carlin is involved in many activities and clubs on campus, on top of the five classes in which he is registered. He is the assistant managing editor and conservative columnist of The Westfield Voice, representative-at-large to the Student Government Association, treasurer of the Law Club, vice president of the Republican Club, and a member of the Academic Policies Committee, Curriculum Committee, and Finance Committee.

His membership on various committees is a tremendous contribution to the university.

“As a member of the Academic Policies Committee, he works with the faculty to craft many of the policies that guide out academic presence here at Westfield State,” said fellow nominee Joshua Clark, who nominated him.

He continued, “He speaks up during the committee meetings, and makes sure that the student voice is heard.”

In his capacity as assistant managing editor, he is a help in the production of the newspaper.

“He is also the conservative columnist, and writes a very informative and insightful article on current events,” said Clark. “Matt’s articles are widely read and appreciated.”

Carlin responded to his nomination by saying, “I would just like to say how honored I am to be not only a first-year but also one of the 10 most influential students on campus.”

“It was a long first semester...However, I have had the wonderful experience working for the student body in both the Student Government Association with its affiliated committees and within The Westfield Voice as an editor,” he added.

“I humbly accept this great honor and will continue to work for my fellow students to the best of my abilities,” Carlin ended.

## How do these students get chosen?

Students were chosen through nominations submitted to The Westfield Voice by fellow students, faculty, staff, and librarians. Nominations were accepted until Feb. 28, 2014 at 5 p.m. The editorial board of The Westfield Voice reviewed the submissions at that point. Nominees that received more than one nomination were moved to the top of the list. The order of the nominees was chosen using an average of both the editorial board rankings of the nominations and random selection.



## ENGLISH / CREATIVE WRITING WEBSTER, MASS.

## LYNDON SEITZ Class of 2014

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Lyndon Seitz presenting at the Sigma Tau Delta International Honors Society Convention in Savannah, Georgia. (photo by Sharon Sittler via Facebook)

**I**ncredibly humble and nationally recognized, Lyndon Seitz is one of this university's most influential students in the realm of the literary arts. Nominated by Michael Filas, professor of English, Seitz has been involved in the English department at Westfield State from his first year.

"As a Freshman, Lyndon volunteered and worked on the editorial board of *Persona* and has, in the years that followed, risen through the ranks to serve in the top leadership role," said Filas.

Lyndon serves in several roles on top of all of his classes. He is currently the editor-in-chief of *Persona*, the literary journal at Westfield State University, arts and entertainment editor of *The Westfield Voice*, and Eastern Region student representative to Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society.

Referring to his role in *Persona*, Filas only had high praises for him. "Lyndon is doing an excellent job this year leading an editorial board of dozens of students, calling meetings, organizing agendas, and getting the group to focus on the hard work of editing a literary journal that each year strives to outdo the previous year's accomplishment," said Filas.

Lyndon has his most influence in his role in Sigma Tau Delta. As Eastern Region student representative, he is one of six elected leaders of the honor society in all of the United States. In that role, "he participates in national conference planning and honor society activities," said Filas.

"It has been an honor to help the community in the ways that I have, and I only hope to continue doing whatever good I can for the people and organization I might influence," said Lyndon himself.

## 8 JESSICA THELEN Class of 2014

## ENGLISH (LITERATURE) HADLEY, MASS.

**J**essica Thelen's "creativity and energy" is going to have "lasting effects on campus" says Elizabeth Starr, professor of English, who nominated her. Thelen, or J.T. as she is called, has involved herself in many different activities at Westfield State. "As a first-year student, J.T. was already an active member of the English department and campus community," said Starr.

She continued, "She immediately took a leadership role in the English club, began writing for the Arts and Entertainment section of *The Voice*, and joined the staff of WSKB as an assistant DJ."

J.T. was then inducted to the Sigma Tau Delta English honors society, where she immediately took on important roles within the organization. She first served as secretary and then president.

Her activities as president allowed for great opportunities for members of Sigma Tau Delta, said Starr. "J.T.'s hard work has meant that we were able to raise enough funds for members to attend conferences in New Orleans, La., Portland, Ore., and Savannah, Ga.," she said.

On top of all of that, she has served on the WSKB executive board. As the local music director, she exposes listeners to music written and played by bands in the area. J.T. made sure to "[let] her audience know when and where they can see these bands play," said Starr.

In response to being nominated, J.T. said, "I am honored and thrilled."

"Our English and Philosophy departments have helped me succeed both socially and academically, and have inspired and continue to inspire me as I look towards my future goals of being a college English professor," she continued.



(above) Billi MacTigue, Jessica Thelen, and fellow nominee Brad Avery at the Sigma Tau Delta conference preparing for the "Poetics of the Tweet" roundtable.



(left) Jessica Thelen presented her original poetry at the 2014 International Sigma Tau Delta Convention in Savannah, Georgia. (photos provided by Jessica Thelen)

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## STONE KOURY Class of 2014

CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
MASHPEE, MASS.

**S**tone Koury had a rough year so far. As student trustee, he has been in the middle of the Evan Dobbelle scandal that rocked the university to its core.

However, throughout the whole ordeal, Koury has been a constant voice for the students in the boardroom and the Senate chamber.

"Stone uses this influence to keep the student opinion involved in serious university matters, which is especially relevant this year with state investigations," said Alexis Wagner, executive secretary of the Student Government Association, who nominated him.

Koury's reports to the Student Government are extremely detailed, often covering the intricate details of the board of trustees meetings.

He has made a large commitment to civic engagement and forging relationships between Westfield State and the other state colleges and universities.

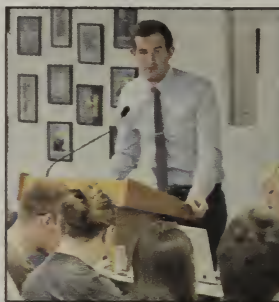
"He has done a lot of work with the Westfield State Student Government Association and with the other Mass. state universities to organize goals and reach for student involvement with the State House," said Wagner.

Koury works hard for his constituents. "He also sat through many serious and taxing meetings, sometimes lasting over ten hours, to ensure students were represented at the boardroom table; a task many students could not handle," continued Wagner.

"Firstly, I am honored for this recognition," said Koury about his nomination.

"Opportunities like this one are what make my involvement in the Westfield State community worth it," he continued. "This year proved to be a trying one, especially for my role as a Student Member of the Board of Trustees."

He continued that it was "reassuring" to earn the recognition from the student body but "humbling" because he "still feel[s] like an average college student."



(above) Stone Koury giving one of his extensive reports about the happenings of the Board of Trustees at a meeting of the Student Government Association. Koury has been very effective at providing as much information to the students as possible. (photo by Dave Fried)

(below) Stone Koury in his official portrait as the student member of the Westfield State Board of Trustees. (photo by Dave Fried)



SPECIAL EDUCATION  
HOPKINTON, MASS.

## OLIVIA DUMAS Class of 2015

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Olivia Dumas (in the last row) with her acaOWLETTES, the all-female acapella group that she founded in the fall semester. (photo from the acaOWLETTES Facebook)

**B**eing "involved in everything she can be," Olivia Dumas works to ensure the Westfield State University is better. Nominated by Alexis Wagner, executive secretary of the Student Government Association, Dumas "sets the bar for the groups she helped build."

Dumas has been involved in so many activities that it's hard to keep track. Just this year, Dumas is a representative-at-large to the Student Government Association, treasurer of the class of 2015, peer advisor, treasurer of the Relay for Life Club, director of the acaOWLETTES, and retail vice chair of the Food Services Committee.

If that doesn't seem like enough, she is also registered in eight classes.

Two of the groups that Dumas participates in are new to campus this year, the acaOWLETTES and the Relay for Life Club. "She has worked to bring a lot to this campus this year, including a new acapella group and Relay for Life event," said Wagner.

What takes the majority of her time, however, is her commitment to the Student Government Association. She has been a long-standing member of the Senate and is highly participatory in its activities.

One committee that she is the proud to sit on would be the Finance Committee. This committee is responsible for reviewing the many finance proposals that come from the various clubs and organizations on campus.

Dumas has been a consistent voice on the committee ensuring that the proposals provide some sort of educational, professional, or cultural contribution to the student body.

Humbly responding to her nomination, Dumas said, "I'm so honored to have been nominated...I never really considered myself an 'influential' person, so to have that characteristic recognized in me by one of my peers means so much."



PSYCHOLOGY / ART  
BELCHERTOWN, MASS.

## REBECCA DIVICO Class of 2015

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Rebecca DiVico out of the fray of student politics--in the art studio.  
(photo by Dave Fried)

Rebecca "is a very influential student on this campus for a number of reasons," says fellow nominee Taylor Fote, president of the Student Government, who nominated her. DiVico, who is the vice president of student life for the Student Government Association is literally two feet away from the presidency.

She is the number two in the Senate and Fote feels that she is doing a very fine job. "Rebecca puts her heart and soul into her position," said Fote. She has done many things to ensure that the campus grows.

This past fall, she helped coordinate a memorial service for Emilee Gagnon, an event that was viewed as successful and very memorable by those who attended. DiVico has been a constant voice for the students. "Rebecca has given the student perspective on the new housing sign-ups, the Substance Advisory Committee where she gives student input on policy changes, and so much more," said Fote.

While most care about the students when it serves them, DiVico cares for the students at every step. Speaking about her nomination, DiVico said, "Everything I do at this university, outside of my academics, is to help students have a happy and memorable time at Westfield."

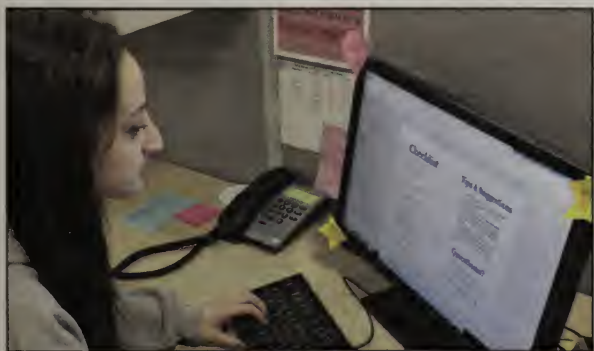
"I hope that I can be an information outlet for anyone and everyone and someone that everyone can feel comfortable bringing their comments and concerns to," she continued.

She certainly is. Fote said, "Rebecca gives off a sense of empowerment...that students understand and feel that they also have a voice on campus."

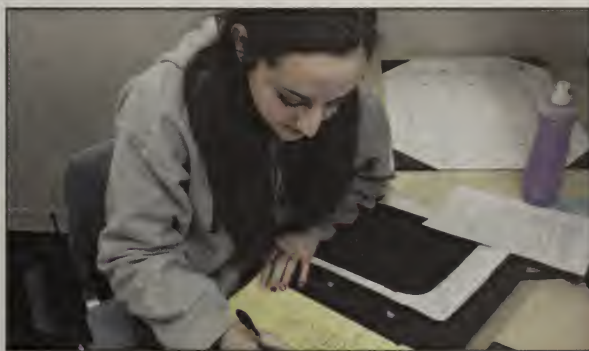
This influence did not just come this year. Last year, during her tenure as the vice president of academic life, DiVico informed students about class registration and other issues that were important regarding academic affairs.

To help smooth the process of class registration, DiVico created an academic advising checklist to help students in their journey through the process. The checklist was well-designed, clear, and concise in order to help students maintain their sanity during the very stressful time.

"She has given so many other students a chance to share what they find important that our campus has only benefited from what she gives to students, faculty, staff, and librarians," said Fote.



(above) DiVico hard at work on the checklist for housing registration in her cubicle in the Student Government office. This checklist, similar to the one she created for class registration, includes helpful info to make sure students follow the process properly.



DiVico's reports include pertinent info about housing, dining, and other related student affairs. (above) DiVico at work on a report for an upcoming Student Government meeting. (photos by Joshua Clark)

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# JOSHUA CLARK

## Class of 2015

HISTORY / EDUCATION  
CHICOPEE, MASS.

**J**oshua Clark is many things to many people. On top of being the editor-in-chief of The Westfield Voice, representative-at-large to the Student Government Association, member of the All-University Committee, International Programs Committee, and a number of other committees, he is also a commuter with six classes (three of which are 300-level). The six classes would be enough to send some into a tailspin but Clark is always looking for more.

"He stepped into the role just on the cusp of a maelstrom and provided steady leadership throughout," said Maddy Cahill, professor of communication, who nominated him.

A history major, Clark did not ever expect to be the editor of the school newspaper. "I do not consider myself a journalist, but the news has to be reported and if that means I have to do it, then I will gladly play pretend for a little while," he said humorously. He is doing a fine job, apparently, because according to Cahill, he has written "in many cases...with more dignity than his professional counterparts."

She continued, "He has the courage to publish corrections when he finds that an issue of the Voice contains a misstatement."

As a representative-at-large on the Student Government, he is heavily participatory in the governance of the place students call home for eight months. He is a member of four committees: All-University Committee, International Programs Committee, Finance Committee, and Grade Appeals Committee. On AUC, he works with faculty and staff to craft policies, courses, and guidelines that improve the university in a positive way.

On International Programs Committee, Clark works with the faculty, staff, and fellow students to approve short-term courses and find ways to internationalize the campus. The Finance Committee and Grade Appeals Committee have met similar successes with Clark as a member.

In the Senate meetings, he asks the tough questions, ensuring the student body is represented in a positive and functional way. He works countless hours to ensure that the Westfield State community is better than when he found it. As he told the Student Government last May, "That's always the goal with something: to leave it in better shape than when you found it."



(above) Clark brought three first-years into the senior editorial staff of The Westfield Voice: Andrew Burke (assistant managing editor), Emily Hanshaw (managing editor), and fellow nominee Matthew Carlin (assistant managing editor). (photo taken by Josh Frank)

(right) Clark giving a report on a meeting of the All-University Committee to the Student Government Association. (photo by Dave Fried)



Joshua Clark and 2013 alum Mathew Demikat talk with former state senator Michael Knapik, who is now executive director of university advancement at Westfield State University, at the rededication of the Peter D. Mazza Student Government room in February 2013. (photo by Dave Fried)



(from left to right, top row) Luis Arzola, president of the WSU Commuter Council; Senator Don Humason; Michael Knapik, executive director of university advancement; (bottom row) Joshua Clark; Liz Preston, university president; and fellow nominee Rebecca DiVico, SGA vice president of student life at the Legislative Breakfast at Holyoke Community College on March 14. (photo taken by Ken Lemanski)





SPECIAL EDUCATION  
NORTH ATTLEBORO, MASS.

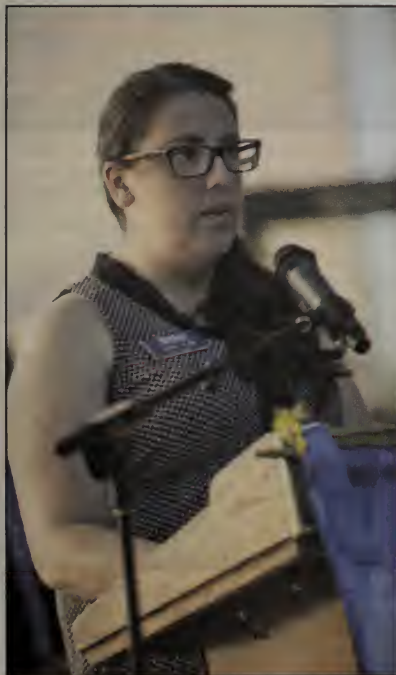
# TAYLOR FOTE

## Class of 2014

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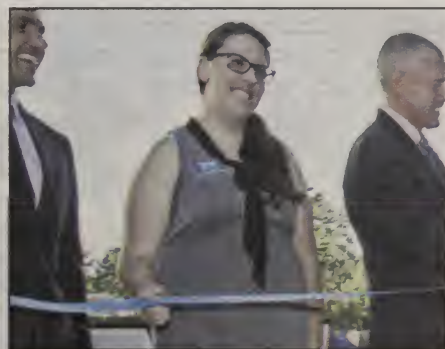
(above) Taylor Fote delivering her "State of the Campus" address on Feb. 4.



(left) Fote speaking at the ribbon-cutting for University Hall. (photos by Dave Fried)



(above) Fote working on the President's Report. Fote's reports often include campus officials to discuss important matters. (photo by Joshua Clark)



(above) Fote holding the ribbon at the official ceremony to open University Hall on Sept. 19. She delivered a speech in her capacity as president of the Student Government Association. (photo by Dave Fried)

According to fellow nominee and Student Government Association vice president of student life Rebecca DiVico, Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, "is ALL about the students first." DiVico, who nominated her, said that Fote "tirelessly fights for student representation and what we want."

Having served in a multitude of roles within the Student Government, Fote has experience fighting for the students. In her time at Westfield State, she served as president of Davis Hall, president of the class of 2014, SGA vice president of student life, and now president of the Student Government.

Being president of the entire student body certainly has its challenges. But that isn't all that Fote does.

She is also the treasurer of the class of 2014 and one of the leaders of the Mr. Westfield pageant.

Having created the event two years ago, the class of 2014 was able to donate enough money to grant a wish. If all goes as planned this year, they will be able to donate enough money to grant another wish.

In the realm of the Student Government, Fote sits on several committees. She, along with fellow nominees Joshua Clark and Rebecca DiVico, sit on the All-University Committee, the highest governance committee on campus.

There she fights for students in making sure policies are student-friendly and to ensure that the student voice is properly represented.

As part of her position requirements, she sits on the Budget Committee. This committee works on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Her role is to ensure that fees do not increase and the attendance cost is suitable for students.

In response to her nomination, Fote said, "I am so honored to be even considered as one of the most influential students on campus. It's a very surreal feeling since everything I do through SGA is all for the students and the campus."

"I am so very lucky to be able to do something I love every day and I am so happy Westfield gave me that opportunity," she continued.

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# TOM DURKEE

## Class of 2014

COMMUNICATION  
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

There are many ways to describe Tom Durkee. "Passionate," "inspiring," and "thoughtful" are three of them. Durkee received two nominations for this award and it became easy to see why once they were being reviewed.

He is the staff development assistant in University Hall and a representative of the class of 2014 in the Student Government Association. Throughout his time at Westfield State, Durkee has held many events raising awareness and encouraging acceptance of the LGBT community.

In the fall, Durkee welcomed pieces of the AIDS quilt to campus. There were a multitude of events throughout the week that the quilt was on campus. The events left students, faculty, and staff with many different emotions, but they were inspired to help those affected with HIV and AIDS.

Currently, he is working on a guest speaker event revolving on the director of the documentary *Bridegroom*. The event will be about marriage equality.

"His work on campus is an inspiration to all of us," said Maddy Cahill, professor of communication, who nominated him.

Julie Blackmore, who also nominated Durkee, said, "Tom's goal is to make all people, gay or straight, feel welcomed and safe within our Westfield community and to bring an awareness to the rest of our lives."

Durkee is also the chair of the Food Services Committee. He works very hard to ensure that dining services on the Westfield State campus is the best that it could be. Giving the lengthiest reports at the Senate meetings, Durkee keeps the student body informed, especially with the responses on comment cards, and works to create events that interest the dining commons' customers.

Similar to the rest of the nominees, Durkee said he was "extremely honored and humbled to be named as one of the 10 Most Influential Students on Campus."

"It brings me great joy to know that I have been able to make an impact on the faculty, staff and students that belong to the Westfield State University community. Although it is with a heavy heart that my time at Westfield is quickly coming to an end, I can only hope that I have set a positive example for other students at Westfield, who will no doubt continue to speak their mind, make changes reflective of tolerance and equality and become influential in their own right. Thank you, Westfield State."



(above) Tom Durkee with Angie Colon (Westfield State alum, class of 2008), Mark Zatyka, and Rob Quinn. Angie and Mark who are HIV-positive, and Rob, who has AIDS, spoke at the "Panel of Power" event. (photo provided by Tom Durkee)



(above) The resident assistant staff of University Hall. Tom Durkee is the staff development assistant of the hall. (top row, left to right) Blair Smith, Ashley Orms, Tom Durkee, Courtney Keddy, Heather Dryden, and Steve Mailloux; (bottom row, left to right) Rich Darrach, Dean Quinones, Tanner Connors.



(above) The parent team during the 2013 Orientation. (from left to right) Mike Brett, Tom Durkee, fellow nominee Stone Koury, residence director Omar Clarke, Jessica Weaver, Emily Ferriter, Julissa Pabon, and Sarah Varghese. (photo by Dave Fried, provided by Tom Durkee)



# Arts & Entertainment

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014  
LEWIS PACHECO & LYNDON SEITZ, Editors

as of Mar. 19, 2014

## Top 10 Singles

1. Pharrell Williams - Happy
2. Katy Perry ft. Juicy J - Dark Horse
3. John Legend - All of Me
4. Jason Derulo ft 2 Chainz - Talk Dirty
5. Bastille - Bad Blood
6. Lorde - Team
7. Beyonce ft Jay Z - Drunk in Love
8. OneRepublic - counting Stars
9. Idina Menzel - Let It Go
10. Pitbull ft Keshia-Timber

## Top 5 Albums

1. Mastermind- Rick Ross
2. GIRL - Pharrell Williams
3. Frozen Movie Soundtrack
4. Louder- Lea Michele
5. 10,000 Towns- Eli Young Band

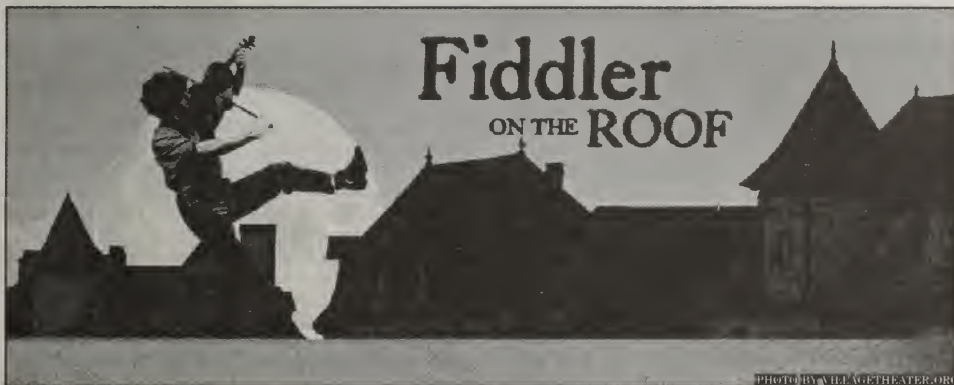
## Top 5 Movies

1. Mr. Peabody & Sherman
2. 300: Rise of An Empire
3. Need for Speed
4. Non-Stop
5. Tyler Perry's The Single Mom's Club

## Upcoming DVDs

1. American Hustle
2. The Delivery Man
3. The Wolf of Wall Street
4. Hairbrained
5. Stalled

## MTG preparing for Fiddler on the Roof



**Andrew Morin**  
Assistant Online Editor

**The Music Department** at Westfield State University is busy rehearsing and preparing for their presentation of *Fiddler on the Roof*, which will open on April 10, 2014.

*Fiddler on the Roof* is set in Russia during the early 1900s and revolves around the story of Tevye and his daughters. Tevye tries earnestly to raise his daughters in a traditional Jewish setting, but faces difficulty as outside forces influence their lives and change their family forever.

Sabine Klein, director of the show, has been working effortlessly to recruit extra cast members to the show after a small turnout at auditions.

With new cast members joining shortly before and after spring break, the

team is finally full and has been working hard to put on a great show and the production is sure to please audiences.

Musical Director Mary Brown-Bonacci and Producer Ernie Lannacconne have also been putting much time and effort into *Fiddler*.

Both have shown tremendous professionalism and determination while working with the cast and production staff, despite the many obstacles that have come their way.

Although there have been many changes in the cast, the lead principal roles are guaranteed to impress. While many new faces will be appearing on Dever Stage during this musical, be sure to expect some familiar faces as well. Senior, Dan Monopoli, takes on the lead role of Tevye.

Dan has starred in sev-

eral different musicals here at Westfield, and has served on production and directing staffs. His counterpart, Kerry Turok, will star as Golde, Tevye's wife and the lead female role. Kerry is a music major in her senior year who has also starred in several casts over the past four years and has both put on recitals and musically directed shows for the Musical Theatre Guild.

The musical's three main daughters, Tzeitel, Hodel, and Chava will be played by Rebecca O'Leary, Megan McGuire, and Hannah Clifford, respectively. The daughters are known for their song "Matchmaker." Rebecca is a freshman here at Westfield who debuted in the ensemble of MTG's production of *RENT* last semester.

Rebecca is thrilled to land this part as a freshman and everyone is anx-

iously awaiting her first lead role on Dever Stage. Megan McGuire, also a freshman, landed her first role as Hodel and is looking forward to performing in the show.

Hannah Clifford is a junior English major with a minor in Theatre who is well known around campus for the many shows in which she has participated. Hannah always shows great talent as a musician, actress, and designer in her many roles throughout the various music and theatre programs on campus. We all look forward to a great performance from her, and many more to come.

Tickets are on sale now! Stop by the campus window to purchase yours. The show dates are April 10, 11, and 12 at 7 p.m. and matinees premiering on April 12 and 13 at 2 p.m. We hope to see you at the show!

## Lyndon's Album Reviews

## '4 mile' combines pop-rock and country seamlessly



**Lyndon Seitz**  
A&E Editor

**White Widow: A Psychological Thriller** – This is one of the better albums I've had the pleasure of listening to lately. It actually uses electronic effects to enhance music and vocals. The vocals are at times hushed or modified in a way that make the album better to listen to, and keep the track in a persistent groove. It creates a unified sound within the album that is hard to beat. There isn't a bad song on it, and it's the type of album you'll want to listen to again right

after you finish. It gets my full recommendation.

**Wolf Ram Heart: Betrayal of Hearts** – This music nearly put me to sleep, and not in the good way. I keep asking myself the question of whether I was supposed to be under the influence of something while listening to this album (I wasn't, so maybe that is why I didn't enjoy it). The vocals are droning and whispering all at the same time, (don't ask me how that is possible, and it does make the lyrics completely unintelligible to me). It might be exactly what you need. It is likely

not what you need though; there is certainly better stuff out there.

**Young Galaxy: Shapeshifting** – At first I wasn't sure exactly what I was listening to. It takes a lot of the techniques and sounds you might hear in vocal trance, but adds more of an emphasis on rhythm as well as a more organic touch to the music. I found myself getting into it more and more as the album continued onward. Some of the standout tracks are "We Have Everything" and "Phantoms," where all of their best elements come together. It is

certainly worth at least a quick listen, although it may not be for everyone.

**Young Hines: Give Me My Change** – This album goes through multiple changes in sound. It changes from old school rock and roll to something a little more blues oriented to something a little more upbeat (not particularly in that order). This is not a bad thing in the least, because most of what they try is a success, and the album is a lot of fun to listen to. Every song was a surprise and an adventure, and it'd be worth it for most people to check it out.

**4 Mile: 4 Mile** – This is pop rock of both the harder variety and the singer-songwriter variety (both with a bit of a country influence to them, I'd say), divided up between the first and second half of the album respectively. I'm not certain which type of song comes out stronger. The first half can get redundant, but the second half sometimes is lacking in lyrical strength. Of good note is the strong closer "Unbreakable," which while done before still comes across strong. It's not a bad album, and might be worth a listen.

## *Ars poetica*

### *The Other Side by Hayley Rebmann*

I'm scared for you  
to really see  
who I am when I'm not  
feeling like me/  
when I feel so alone  
hopeless and blind  
and it seems like the worst  
is all stuck in my mind/  
when I can't escape  
these thoughts and fears  
and all that falls  
is streams of tears/  
I want you to know  
that the time will come  
when all I am

is sad and numb/  
and change is dark  
and looking glim  
please don't give up  
if all seems dim/  
I know it's tough  
to stick around  
but I don't want to end up  
lost in the sound/  
you're my strength and guide  
through the pain and despair  
whisk me away  
so I can repair/  
what is lost and forgotten  
but can be saved

and many don't know  
is often grazed/  
it's not seen or noticed  
or taken apart  
you are my rock  
and a piece of my  
heart/  
you bring me up  
when I'm feeling  
down...  
you must know my  
love  
that you really are  
my ev-er-last-ing loyal  
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## Knowing to Cook

# Time for Tea! And a recipe for Biscotti

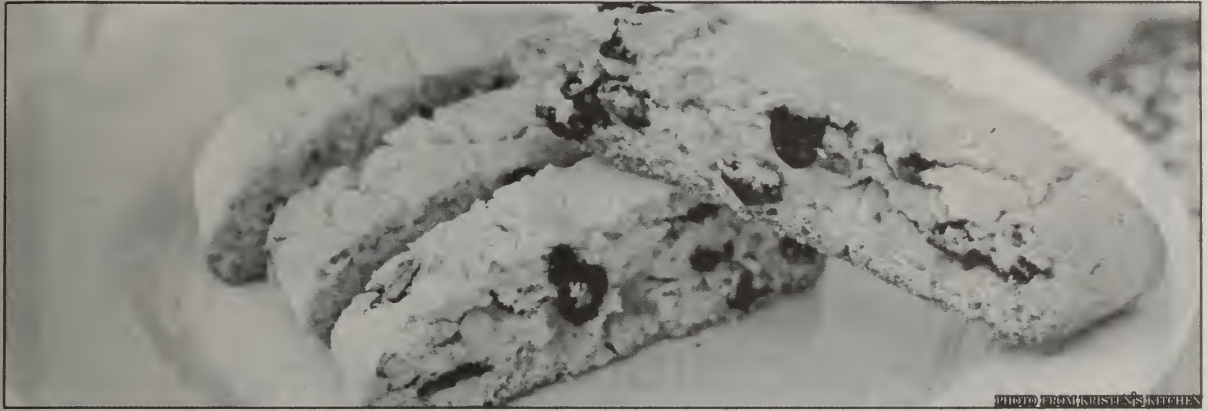


PHOTO FROM RAISE A KITCHEN

**Ryan Cashman**  
Voice Columnist

Tea has always been an item consumed with regularity in my household and it gives me great pleasure to see that tea is becoming increasingly more popular, particularly amongst my generation.

I grew up drinking tea. My dad has at least two or three cups a day, no milk and scalding hot. For him it is not a proper cup of tea unless the mug is still steaming after all the liquid is gone. I like my tea hot, but the level to which my dad takes his tea drinking is a level that I will never understand.

In terms of choosing what type of tea to drink, I tend to lean towards black teas. Irish Breakfast, English Breakfast, and Earl Grey are a few of my favorites. Most black teas are heavily caffeinated, bitter, and serve as a good pick-me-up. They go excellently with breakfasts and short bread cookies. What I have found is that the majority of people in my generation who drink tea tend to shy away from black teas in fa-

vor of the lighter and fruitier teas. Orange Blossom, Raspberry, White Tea, and Chai are among the most popular, since they are not nearly as bitter as black teas.

I take my tea like I take my coffee: straight. Much like the reaction I receive when people discover how I take my coffee, the reaction to how I take my tea is equally matched with a look of revulsion. I see many people loading their tea with several packets of sugar to make it as sweet as possible and my reaction to that is much akin to their reaction to me. When you load tea or coffee with too much sugar or milk, you take away from the natural elements found in what you are drinking. In other words, the drink is being devalued.

I am a purist when it comes to tea and coffee, not only because I like the taste, but because I believe the only way to know whether or not something is good is to have it plain. Still, I am very happy to see my peers enjoying a good cup of tea since tea has always been a major part of

my life. Any time the family gets together, tea and coffee are always served with dessert. My mom told me the other day that when she was growing up, the kids would be served tea at dessert because coffee was for adults. Both drinks complement each other, seeing as their purpose is to serve as an enjoyable addition to a meal.

In the last issue, I mentioned that tea and soda bread are always waiting for me at my grandmother's house. In Irish culture, much like in the culture of Britain, tea is a major component. The Irish tend to prefer stronger, more robust teas (my Great Uncle Tom always took his tea with two teabags instead of one) while the English tend to go for a lighter, but still dark blend.

Tea is prominent in cultures across the globe. In Japan, tea is served as part of a ceremony and is viewed as sacred. Good tea is the path to a healthy and peaceful life. Tea also serves multiple medicinal functions. Green tea aids in digestion and contain several antioxidants which

the body uses to help combat sickness. Rooibos tea is used to help combat allergies, nervousness, and indigestion. So, the next time your stomach is bothering you, have a cup of tea instead of reaching for the Pepto-Bismol.

Over the break, my mom and I tried our hands at several new recipes, none of which involved tea. So, once again I am leaving you with a recipe from a separate source. I will have an original Cashman recipe for you next week! In the meantime, enjoy this recipe for Biscotti, courtesy of Edible Cape Cod Magazine.

Buona Tavolva and Mangiare Bene!

## BISCOTTI

### Ingredients:

- 1 ½ (7 ounces) shelled pistachios
  - 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 cup sugar
  - 1 tsp baking powder
  - Grated zest of one lemon
  - 2 large eggs plus 1 large egg yolk, beaten
  - 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Instructions:
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

2. Place pistachios on a baking sheet and cook until just beginning to brown.

3. Cool and chop coarsely.

4. Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, and lemon zest into a bowl.

5. Make a well at the center.

6. Add eggs, egg yolk, and vanilla.

7. Stir to combine.

8. Add pistachios and work into dough.

Note: It will be stiff.

9. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

10. Divide the dough into two portions.

11. On the baking sheet, form two 12-inch logs separated by at least 2 inches.

Note: They will spread.

12. Bake 20-25 minutes until firm and lightly brown.

13. Cool slightly.

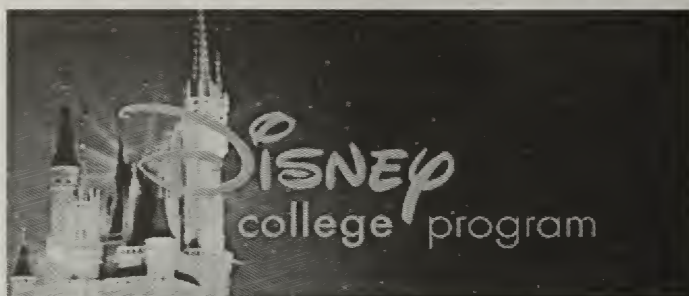
14. Reduce oven heat to 325 degrees.

15. Remove logs from baking sheet and cut on a bias into ½ inch slices.

16. Arrange them flat on the baking sheet.

Return to oven and bake until crisp, about 15 minutes.

Please Enjoy!



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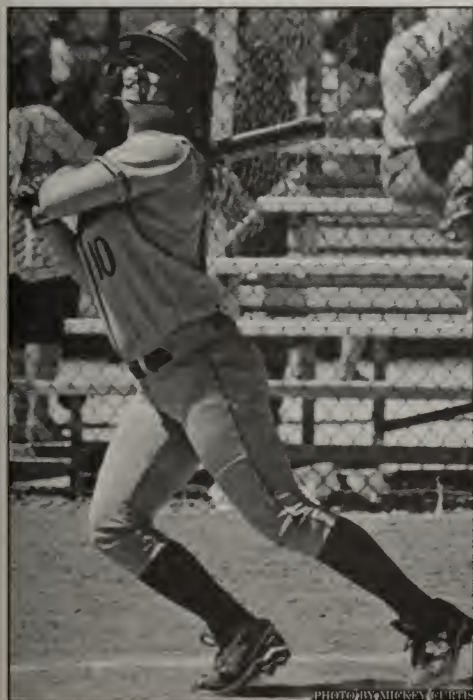


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ANDREW BURKE, Editor

# Owls Sports

## Softball makes statement

*The Owls finished their stint in Florida with a 6-3 overall record and hope to improve in the rest of the year.*



Freshman Julia Sullivan of West Barnstable hits a double down the left field line against Lancaster Bible College. After six games, she has a .400 batting average and .99 ERA in 12.1 innings pitched on the season.

WSU Athletic  
Department &  
Danielle Perkins  
Voice Reporter

With everyone celebrating spring break, the WSU softball team was soaking up the sun and some wins in sunshine state, Florida. The Westfield State University softball team concluded its Florida trip by splitting a pair of games of Friday, March 14. Westfield pounded Farmingdale (N.Y.) State College, 14-0, then dropped a 3-0 decision to Wesleyan University to finish its spring trip with a 6-3 record.

In the first game, a 16-hit attack powered Westfield to its five-inning victory over Farmingdale. Westfield, which also worked eight walks, scored three runs in the second and third innings, two in the fourth, and six in the fifth.

Freshman Emma Dunbar carried the big stick, going 4 for 4 with three runs scored, three RBI

and a double. Pitcher Emily Mailloux aided her own cause by going 3 for 4 with three runs scored and a double. Amanda Flower was 2 for 3 with a double and two RBI and freshman Elizabeth Kelly was 3 for 4 with a double.

Mailloux allowed three hits and no walks and struck out three in five innings.

An outstanding pitching performance by sophomore Susan Pardo powered Wesleyan to its third win in six starts. Pardo fired a one-hitter with 15 strikeouts in keeping the Owls off the scoreboard; she walked two. Westfield's only hit was a double to left-center field by Emma Dunbar to lead off the bottom of the sixth inning.

Westfield's other big blow was a towering fly to left field by pinch hitter Jamie Ricciardi that was caught near the fence with a runner on base in the fifth inning.

Wesleyan collected three of its nine hits in the

first inning when it took a 1-0 lead. Pardo aided her own cause with an RBI double in the Cardinals' two-run third inning.

Westfield pitcher Kelley Fluet allowed three earned runs, walked five and struck out three.

Coming home with a 6-3 winning record and tan as ever, the girls' season is looking bright. Every win and loss was executed with a 100% team effort and the girls are exhibiting extreme chemistry on and off the field.

The team's first home game was scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2014, but is postponed due to the New England weather that we've been experiencing. Keep your eye on the news because with the girls' statistics they will be the highlight of the spring season, especially with rookie of the week, Emma Dunbar proving herself worthy of her starting outfield position. Good luck ladies with the remainder of the season.

## Second Round predictions for the 2014 NCAA tournament

**Jon Rebmann**  
Voice Reporter

With the regular season and the conference tournaments finally over, March Madness has officially begun! And while the majority of first and second round games will be over by the time this article comes out, it's never too late to talk about brackets. With that said, let's make predictions on some teams that could heat up in the second round and which ones could fall early.

Oklahoma State looks to avenge their 8-10 Big 12 record early on against Gonzaga. The Cowboys suffered seven straight losses in the regular season, three of which occurred during Marcus Smart's suspension.

However, the Cowboys have averaged 80.3 points per game, and with Smart back in the lineup they should be able to score heavily against a Bulldogs team that's 2-4 against RPI Top 50 teams, with both wins against BYU. Gonzaga, however, has proved itself by winning the WCC Tournament en route to a 28-6 record (15-3 in the WCC). The Bulldogs are also averaging 49.8% from the field, which is currently fifth in the nation. Ultimately, the Cowboys will prevail, but don't expect them to get past Arizona any time soon.

Stephen F. Austin has to be one of the biggest mysteries going into the Tournament, who are currently on a 28-game win streak, which

is the second longest streak in the country only to Wichita State. Unfortunately, the Lumberjacks have yet to play a Top 25 team this season. They did play Texas early on in the season, but fell at the hands of the Longhorns 72-62. However, they are averaging 76.5 points per game on a team that ranks among the top ten in the nation in assists (8th at 16.6 per game) and turnover margin (5th at +5.4 per game).

But what makes them so interesting is their first opponent: the VCU Rams. In 2011, the Rams defeated the USC Trojans in the first round and surged their way past Georgetown, Purdue, Florida State and Kansas

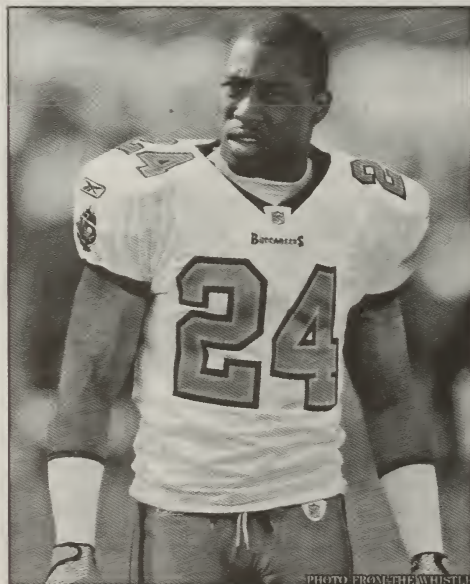
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T.J. Warren and the NC State Wolfpack were the second team to advance in this year's NCAA tournament. At least one team from the first four has advanced to the third round since it was implemented in 2011.

*Sports From Carlin's Couch*

## A Boston sports update from a New York Jets fan



**Matthew Carlin**  
Asst. Managing Editor

I would seem that the New England Patriots have yet to fail to surprise me.

As a native New Englander and as someone who worked at Patriot place for about four years, I was unusual in the respect that I am a New York Jets Fan.

So here are a few things that New Englanders are known for saying: 1. Tom Brady is a God, 2. Bill Belichick is a genius. 3. (Insert player here) sucks... until they're on the patriots. Hey, what do you know? It would seem Darrelle Revis has entered that third category.

Ever since that dreadful Hardknocks series where Revis caused an uproar with the Jets managerial staff over his contract, Revis has been the butt end of a many NE jokes.

Constantly, I would hear "I hope Revis was worth those weeks of no practice," and the like.

Well now I can't wait to see how much brown nosing the New England fans do to the Pro Bowl cornerback that has essentially provided many teams with a solid defense.

Revis has stated how much of a benefit it would be to play with such star athletes like Tom Brady and even said Coach Belichick (who both have said some very unkind things to each other in the past) is a wonderful coach.

I personally think Revis is trying to score one more playoff season at the very least before he starts thinking about retiring, and who knows, maybe he will be the next Ray Lewis.

However here are a few positives that we should look forward to in the year. If Spring Training is any-

thing like the actual season this year, the Boston Red Sox should have a more the successful season, after picking up a 10 to 5 victory over the Cardinals only a couple of games ago.

Pedroia and Napoli both have had wonderful at bats this spring training, and should if all goes well (by that I mean if Pedroia stays healthy for once).

Now what about those Bruins?! Winning their last nine games the Bruins are now first in the Atlantic Division with a standing of 46 wins and 17 losses.

I mean what else is there to say? The Bruins are a force to be reckoned with and I will find it difficult to believe that another Stanley Cup isn't far away.

But hey, what the heck do I know? Lets hope that the Sox and Bruins continue down their roads of greatness, and I guess those patriots too....

Darrelle Revis is a premier cornerback in the NFL today. After an ACL injury, his play has somewhat decreased. However, with his new role on the Patriots improved secondary, he can return to the old Darrelle Revis.



# Robert Kraft, Patriots, improve secondary for 2014-15 season



PHOTO FROM FORBES

The New England Patriots have made some recent moves in free agency to improve their team for the 2014 season. Signing Darrelle Revis and Brandon Browner have given the Patriots a premier secondary and the return of Julian Edelman gives the organization a piece to build around.

## Justin Yanich Voice Reporter

The New England Patriots are making headlines with their spending during this young free agency period. New England is rarely an organization that pays the big money, no matter who you are. Belichick and Kraft noticed the need for some big names on both offense and defense in order to compete with the top tier NFL teams. Their defense last year was a vast improvement on the last few years, but with Aqib Talib signing with Denver, it is time to open up the wallet.

The first big signing that shook the NFL was New England signing former Jet and Buccaneer corner back Darrelle Revis. Revis Island is now located in Foxborough, Massachusetts. Regarded as one of the best, if not the best corner backs in the league, Revis didn't come cheap. Initially, the deal was just a one year, \$12 million contract, but shortly after they

finalized that deal, the Patriots added on a \$20 million team option for a second year.

Honestly, great move by the team, now Revis is going to have to shine in order for him to get the large raise that he wants, so he will produce this year, and if not, they will have to restructure.

At this point in his career, I also feel that Revis wants a ring, he has always made money, but now he wants to pad a Hall of Fame résumé. He is sure to lock down the best receiver any team tries to throw at the defense.

If Revis wasn't enough to sure up a shaky secondary, New England signed another big name corner back in Brandon Browner. Browner is a lockdown corner from the highly touted "Legion of Boom" of Seattle. While he was always overshadowed by the great Richard Sherman, Browner is an extremely physical corner back. Signing him to a three year, \$17 million deal

locks him up for a while, if they don't use the option on Revis after this year, it will not ruin the secondary because Browner is an extremely solid corner.

The one problem with Browner is he is out the first four games of the 2014 season because he violated the NFL's substance abuse policy. I'm sure that in week 5, we will notice him locking down the other receivers, and the Patriot's pass defense which has been in question for the past few years will now be one of the premier secondaries in the league.

On the offensive side of the ball there was a scare that Julian Edelman, the best offensive weapon last year was going to sign elsewhere, giving Brady virtually no targets to throw to. Thankfully, Edelman signed for a home-town discount, which gives Brady a great target in the slot. With a rather quiet signing the Patriot's signed La-fell from Carolina, but no one really knows what to

expect from him, he hasn't really made a splash yet in the league.

What the Patriots need to do now in the draft is either draft a good nose guard if Vince Wilfork ends up leaving, or trade up in the draft to get a good pick

to get a deep threat. The two best deep threats in the draft are either Marquise Lee or Mike Evans. Either way, the Patriots are making a huge push to be a force in the league. They needed to so they could keep up with the top teams.

## Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

### Friday, March 7th

M/W Track at ECAC Division III Championships Did Not Score/15th Place

### Sunday, March 9th

Softball vs. Lakeland College, Wisconsin at Hancock Park, Clermont Fla. L 0-8  
Baseball vs. Penn State Altoona at Lake Myrtle Park Field Aubrindale, Fla. W 4-1

### Monday, March 10th

Softball vs. Franciscan, Monmouth W 24-2, W 6-1  
Baseball vs. WPI L 4-8, W 6-3

### Tuesday, March 11th

Softball vs. Webster, WPI W 10-2, L 1-5  
Baseball vs. St. Joseph's L 4-18  
W LAX vs. Bridgewater L 8-11

## Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

### Saturday, March 22th

W LAX at Nichols 12:00 p.m.  
M/W Track at Jerry Gravel Classic  
Cheerleading at East Coast Classic

### Sunday, March 23th

Baseball vs. Lyndon State (DH) 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 25th

Softball at WCSU (DH) 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 26th

Softball at Becker College (DH) 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
W LAX at Mount Holyoke College 5:00 p.m.

### Thursday, March 27th

Baseball vs Springfield College 3:30 p.m.

## Get Burked

# The Knicks are destined to improve with the Zen Master's front office addition

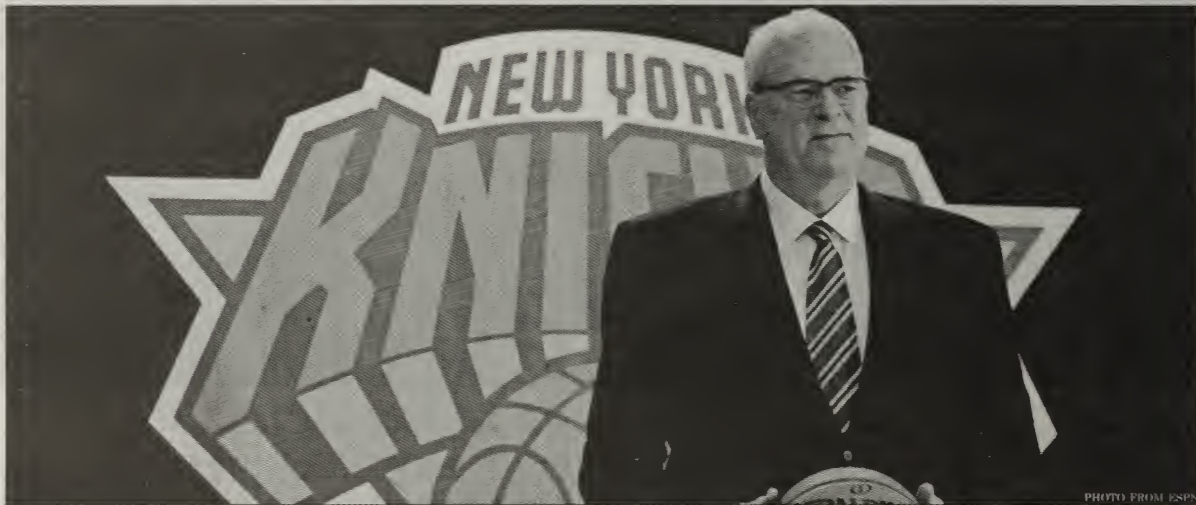


PHOTO FROM ESPN

*Phil Jackson has the most championships of any head coach in NBA history with 11. However, his recent job with the Knicks is for team president, a position he has never held before. He hopes to bring the Knicks back to a playoff organization and atop the Eastern Conference.*

**T**he turn around of the New York Knicks franchise has begun for the second time in the last four years. Phil Jackson's return to the NBA is a much-anticipated one and he returns to where his NBA legacy began, Madison Square Garden.

Former coach Phil Jackson signed a \$60 million 5 year deal to become the President of Basketball Operations for the Knicks. Jackson's deal will pay him \$12 million annually, more than six 2014 all-stars will make next season. Knicks owner, James Dolan, also said that he will cede power for basketball related tasks to Jackson willingly.

Jackson was a for-

ward for the only two Knick teams to win a championship in 1970 and 1973. That was only the start of his legacy, however. He was able to make a successful transition into coaching after a retirement, winning six championships with the Bulls and five with the Lakers. The Knicks have 186 postseason wins and eight Finals appearances in the 68-year history of their franchise, while Jackson personally has 229 wins and 13 Finals appearances.

Jackson's uncanny ability to manage player personalities, egos, and tendencies is part of what made him such a successful coach. He was able to get Hall of Fam-



**Andrew Burke**  
Sports Editor

ers Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen to buy into his system of coaching in order to achieve a goal. He did the same with Kobe and Shaq in Los Angeles.

The Knicks have made the playoffs every year since Amar'e Stoudamire signed as a free agent from Phoenix. This year they have underperformed, but they currently are

sitting in ninth in the dismal Eastern Conference. With a late season push, and some help from Jackson, they may be able to finish in the eighth or seventh spot and salvage their season.

However, the team does not have a first round draft pick this season and will have a very similar roster next season compared to the one they have now.

A task that Jackson will have to make a priority is keeping Carmelo Anthony. He is a perennial all-star who is one of the most efficient scorers in the NBA. His skills and the exposure that a player will get in New York are two things that can attract

free agents in the 2015 off-season.

Mike Woodson seems to be on his way out of New York after a subpar performance this season so far. The head coaching situation will need to be addressed before any major moves, player wise, can be completed.

Jackson has never had a losing season in 20 years of coaching and was able to make the playoffs in consecutive years with Smush Parker as his starting point guard. It remains to be seen if he will be as successful in a front office position, but the Knicks are better now than they were two weeks ago. Jackson is basketball in his era and this is just a new journey.



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"You can eat and drink and that's what life is--surviving; though I can live on bread I still need liberty." He said that these revolts are all exactly the same; people need their freedom to really live day to day and they are happening again now in the Arab Spring and now the conflict in Ukraine.

Speaking with Gali Tealakh was great; he was warm and generous, especially taking the time to speak with me, but also very direct, honest, and opinion-

ated. Professor Paulman noted, "Great teachers never want to stop teaching," and I look forward to speaking with Gali Tealakh again and encourage other students to do the same if they have the opportunity.

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(the top seed in the region) to make it to the Final Four, despite being an eleven seed. Since then, the Rams have made the Tourney every year.

SFA is a definite long shot to make it as far as the 2011 Rams, but don't be surprised if they beat

VCU, especially if the Lum-berjacks can force early turnovers and prevent the Rams from shooting (VCU is averaging 42% from the field this year).

The North Carolina Tar Heels left the ACC Tourna-ment early at the hands of Pittsburgh, but still man-aged to get a number six seed. With PJ Hairston no longer on the team, the Tar Heels have made due, com-ing off a recent 12-game win streak that includes notable victories over Duke, Pitt, and NC State (twice). As a team, they are fairly consistent in FG% (.463), APG (15.6), and PPG (76.3),

but struggle with turnovers (12.0 TPG) and points al-lowed (69.1).

They play the Provi-dence Friars in their first game, who managed to sneak their way into the NCAA Tourney after win-ning the Big East. Fortu-nately for UNC, the Fri-ars rank among the worst in FG% (.425) and OFG% (.442). If the Heels want to win, they need to show pa-tience on the court and wait for their shot. The Tar Heels are a very fast paced team, and with a 62.5% average from the line, they can't really afford to be fouled, either. Other than that, as

long as UNC continues to play at their current level, they should roll over the Friars with ease.

The second round is poised for some great games this year. With 32 games afoot, there's bound to be a few upsets. And plus, it's kinda fun to play spoiler. Nevertheless, I'm still gon-na play the odds and shoot for the billion dollar prize, even if the chances are slim. I just hope my guesses are as good as I think they are. Regardless, I'll see you all next week at the Sweet Sixteen. Best of luck with your brackets!

WSU Public Safety Crime Log: Feb. 20 to March 19

| <u>Date &amp; Time of Incident</u> |           | <u>General Location</u> | <u>Incident Nature</u>    | <u>Disposition</u>          |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Feb. 20                            | 2335      | Scanlon Hall            | Liquor Law Violation      | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Feb. 21                            | 2100      | Parenzo Road            | Liquor Law Violation      | Summons                     |
|                                    | 2100      | Parenzo Road            | Liquor Law Violation      | Summons                     |
| Feb. 21                            | 2111      | Davis Hall              | Liquor Law Violation      | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Feb. 22                            | 1720      | Courtney Hall           | Drug Law Violation        | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Feb. 22                            | 1931      | Courtney Hall           | Liquor Law Violation      | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Feb. 22                            | 2123      | Courtney Lot            | Liquor Law Violation      | Summons                     |
| Feb. 22                            | 2224      | Davis Hall              | Drug Law Violation        | Summons                     |
| Feb. 22                            | 2356      | Scanlon Hall            | Liquor Law Violation      | Referred to Student Conduct |
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| Feb. 25                            | 1000      | Woodward Center Lot     | Larceny                   | Open                        |
| Feb. 26                            | 1801      | Wilson Hall             | Larceny                   | Open                        |
| Feb. 28                            | 1716      | Courtney Hall           | Drug Law Violation        | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Feb. 28                            | 2056      | New Hall                | Liquor Law Violation      | Summons                     |
| Feb. 28                            | 2056      | New Hall                | Drug/Liquor Law Violation | Summons                     |
| Feb. 28                            | 2056      | New Hall                | Drug/Liquor Law Violation | Summons                     |
| Mar. 2                             | 0146      | The Perch               | Disorderly Conduct        | Arrest                      |
| Mar. 4                             | 2300-0700 | Courtney Hall           | Rape                      | Under Investigation         |
| Mar. 5                             | 1450      | Wilson Hall             | Harassment                | Open                        |
| Mar. 6                             | 2027      | Courtney Hall           | Larceny                   | Open                        |
| Mar. 7                             | 0120      | Lansdowne Place         | Drug Law Violation        | Citation Issued             |
| Mar. 7                             | 1546      | Lansdowne Place         | Malacious Destruction     | Open                        |
| Mar. 7                             | 1622      | Scanlon Hall            | Drug Law Violation        | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Mar. 16                            | 2352      | Scanlon Hall            | Malacious Destruction     | Open                        |
| Mar. 19                            | 2000      | Parenzo Gym             | Larceny                   | Open                        |

# Horoscopes Games & Maze

## Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

Can you remember the last time you felt the way that you do now? You will never feel that way again, or you won't notice it when you do. If you do notice it, your noticing it will change how you feel and it won't be the same anymore, will it?

## Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

People will use what you love dearest to try to get to you. Instead of retaliating or responding, the stars advise you to just stop having feelings of love in general. You'll get through life with a lot less pain that way.

## Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

All of your worries (if you have them; you probably don't have any at all, having an amazing of a life as you do) will be going away real soon. Just wait and let the faeries work their magic.

## Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

Yes, your finances and your love life might be in shambles, and your career might be taking a nosedive, but be thankful that you still have your health. In the event you don't have your health, then please don't be too much of a drain on our medical resources.

## Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

You're going to want to double check your heartbeat every once in a while, as otherwise you might lose track of it. These things get lost really easily, you know. All sorts of strange things happen to your heart. You would know that best, though, wouldn't you?

## Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

This week you might be tempted to join a cult or two, and before joining you should really consider whether said cult offers a dental plan and life insurance in the event you are used in a ritual sacrifice.

## Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

Are you sorry? Are you really sorry? If you are really sorry for what you have done, then go free from your guilt; the stars have absolved you. If not, then beware of a holy light blazing down upon you and burning your soul to cinders.

## Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

You will hum a melody to yourself in the middle of the night, and no one will hear. If you think this is sad, then it is sad. If you think this is romantic, then it is romantic. If the melody isn't yours, then you might want to get that checked out.

## Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

This might be a good time to try to head home, and also to reconnect with your roots. If you leave your roots unattended too long they might wither or people might try to use them in a stew, and people never get the spices right with that.

## Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

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## Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

You might wish to sell all of your stock in the industry that you have the highest share in. A lot of strange things are going to happen in the financial world and you might want to keep your money safe.

## Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

If you go fishing this week, you are either going to catch the big one or go home with nothing. The stars have no idea why you would ever go fishing this week, though.

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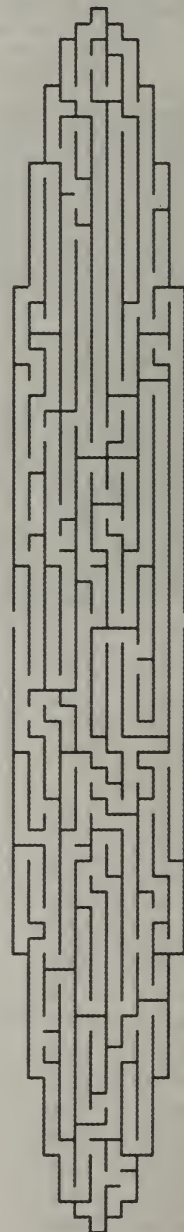
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## MASSPIRG STAYS!



Taylor Fote, Student Government Association president, speaking to the Senate on Tuesday. The Senate voted 44-13 (unofficial count) to continue support for MASSPIRG at Westfield State.

**Ryan Caulfield**  
SGA Correspondent

In a long-winded, two and half hour debate, the Student Government Association passed a vote to allow the MASSPIRG chapter, at Westfield State University, to stay on campus and continue their work. The meeting showed animated disagreements, insightful information, and questions that brought the SGA's integrity to mind in regards to the student body that they represent.

Every two years, the MASSPIRG chapter at Westfield State goes through a vote called the referendum vote that decides if MASSPIRG should stay on the campus or not. MASSPIRG has

been working at Westfield State for 40 years. Charlotte Graham, MASSPIRG campus coordinator, and other fellow members of MASSPIRG came to the Student Government Association meeting last Tuesday to tell the students what they do for the university and answer questions about the chapter.

The MASSPIRG group opened with stating their mission statement saying, "MASSPIRG stands up to powerful special interests groups on behalf of the public. So we are the voice of what the people want." There are other chapters on campuses across Massachusetts.

The members went on showcasing what MASSPIRG has done over the years and what they

have done in Westfield. The biggest showcase of information was how MASSPIRG spends its money. Graham said that the organization does receive a lot of money through the nine-dollar waivable fee from students through their tuition.

86% of MASSPIRG's budget goes to its staff. This is for maximizing the advocacy work to bring messages and events for students, said Graham. 50% goes towards the staff in Massachusetts, which includes Graham, her boss, and other workers in Boston offices. 30% goes to the national staff, and lastly 14% is for the operation of the buildings MASSPIRG uses.

The nine-dollar waivable fee is see CAULFIELD on page four

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## News from other schools

### The Daily Collegian, U OF MASS., AMHERST

The Student Government ratified the election results amidst all of the problems that occurred. Over 50 complaints were filed with the election commission.

### The Harvard Crimson,

HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
Mock trial team advances to the national championships in the shadow of a teammate's death.

### The Daily Campus, UNIV. OF CONNECTICUT

The newly-minted Student Development Committee takes up the issue of whether UConn has tradition or not. The committee is under the charge of the Undergraduate Student Government.

### The Daily Orange, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Syracuse University is beginning to look into the issue of campus burglaries, which have plagued the Newhouse School of Communication. Professors have had laptops, electronics, and other items missing from their offices. Cameras are being installed.

## Neighborhood Advisory Board meeting at Lansdowne Place starts tense but ends cordial

Nicholas Sarnelli  
Head Copy Editor

On Monday evening, March 24, a meeting was held at Lansdowne Place to discuss issues regarding student disturbances due to the placement of the building and student apartments leased through the city in the surrounding area. Those in attendance consisted of several members of the Westfield State University administration, students, city officials, police officers of both the city of Westfield and the university, as well as many community members that live close to Lansdowne Place and student-leased apartments off-campus.

The meeting in its entirety was facilitated by Bob Plasse. Among the Westfield State administration attendants were Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs; Sue Lamontagne, dean of students; Tony Casciano, chief of public safety; Shannon Broderick, assistant director of student affairs; John Zocco, residence director at Lansdowne Place; and Ken Magarian, director of advancement and university relations.

As the meeting began, community residents expressed their concerns regarding disturbances caused by students, not entirely within Lansdowne, but on the streets and within the surrounding neigh-

borhoods. One neighbor of the building, John Romani, stated that the excessive amount of partying taking place in student-leased apartments was deeply disturbing himself and his family.

He reported that just a few weeks ago, his son stepped outside one evening to find a young man urinating on the steps to the household.

Romani went on to express his distaste with student-leased apartments, saying that the apartments looked like "garbage" and referred to the landlords as "slum lords." Romani also suggested that Westfield State police officers should take more responsibility for these apartments.

A member of the City of Westfield Police Force that was also in attendance, officer Eric Hall, explained to Romani that student-leased apartments are out of the jurisdiction of Westfield State public safety because they are leased through the city and are therefore the Westfield Police Department's responsibility, as well as the landlords of those apartments. In fact, Officer Hall explained that there are potential legal issues that could arise if Westfield State officers themselves went to an apartment that was not leased by the university, but by the city to break up a party, rather than city officers.

Ronald St. George, a man who stated that he lived in a home inhabited by several people with disabilities, reported that he is woken up in the middle of the night at least once a week – anywhere from Thursday evening to Saturday evening – by boisterous students passing by his home. He described this as "phenomenal" and went on to say, "I don't know what they're doing, but it's bad for them."

Both of these very vocal men, along with other residents of the neighborhood, explained that their deepest concern was not exactly with students living in the area, but the level of disrespect deriving from certain experiences with students, such as those mentioned.

City counselor Brian R. Hoose of Ward 3 explained that a major concern is that Westfield residents do not know whom to contact in the event of a disturbance.

One point that also surfaced was that problematic students are not those twenty-one and over, but those who cannot get into bars; those that are essentially searching for house parties or simply a place to drink. In regards to students roaming the streets, an agreement was made among all vocal members of the meeting that these individuals are most problematic, not so much those within buildings.

Neighborhood residents

expressed their concern with what they feel is a lack of patrol by police and public safety officers. Westfield city councilor Ralph J. Figy of Ward 2 pleasantly explained that situations caused by off-campus apartments that are leased through the city, stating, "All the blame doesn't belong on them [Westfield State Public Safety], it belongs on us not having done our homework."

To clarify even further, Officer Eric Hall explained that there are only so many people on patrol on a given night. In addition, he also mentioned that with the amount of students now living in Lansdowne, many are walking to social events instead of driving, which makes detecting the location of parties more difficult.

One issue that a student pointed out regarding student-lease apartments was the lack of communication between students and permanent residents of the community. Once this was said, students, residents, and university administration fell into agreement. A possible solution that was offered to this problem was encouraging said communication through introductions and the exchanging of phone numbers early in the semester.

The tone and overall

see SARNELLI on page 21



## Student Government applauds NAB meeting and learns of other committee activity

**Ryan Caulfield**

SGA Correspondent

The Student Government Association reconvened on Tuesday for a meeting, which lasted almost three hours. The main item on the agenda was determining whether or not MassPIRG should stay on campus.

More information on the MassPIRG vote can be found on page one. The Student Government Association voted to extend the university's support of MassPIRG with 44 yes votes and 13 no votes. The count is unofficial until the minutes from this meeting are approved at the Apr. 1 meeting.

After the SGA passed the motion to keep MassPIRG at Westfield State, Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, announced that the new revised SGA constitution would be finished by the end of the month. The constitution will be shown to the SGA at one of the meetings in April. Fote said that it would be a fairly long meeting.

When the madam president finished, Joshua Clark, representative-at-large, gave his All-University Committee report.

Clark said the majority of what the committee discussed was about commencement. A subcommittee within AUC is talking about commencement not just for next year, but for the many other future classes as well. He said the commit-

tee is deciding to make commencement permanently on the Westfield State campus, or at the MassMutual Center. There is also a discussion about having it on Friday and Saturday permanently, he said.

Clark announced that an on-campus information session with the committee would be held in the Loughman Living Room in Scanlon Hall on April 9 at 4:30 p.m.

Victoria Landry, representative to the class of 2015, delivered the Neighborhood Advisory Board report. She gave thanks to all who came out to the Board's event at the Lansdowne Place to address some of the issues and concerns the neighbors have regarding students living at Lansdowne.

Landry said that, besides students and university administration, there was a strong presence of neighbors, city councilors, and local Westfield Police at the event.

"We answered some questions and the evening was a little tense as you can imagine. But I am happy to say we got some great feedback from the event," she said. Landry continued and said that neighbors were being disturbed by loud noises at 2 a.m. and 3 a.m., vandalism, and students urinating on neighbor's lawns.

She hopes that all students will be more responsible in the future

whether or not you live on campus.

Justin Connolly, president of University Hall, announced the Substance Advisory Board has recommended, in the smoking tobacco policy, a general ban on vaporizer devices on campus. He said this includes, but limited too, hookah pens, marijuana pens, and electronic cigarettes. "We came to the conclusion that medical marijuana is not allowed on campus for we would lose federal funding," Connolly said. He said Friday will be the board's final meeting for the semester.

Alexis Wagner, executive secretary, said that this year's elections will be much contested and reminded all students to be respectful and to follow the bylaws that come with running in the elections.

By the end of the SGA meeting most senators were tired and ready and leave for a good night's rest. Fote thanked all the members of the SGA for the hard work they did on the vote for MassPIRG.

"I know the meeting was long but it's very much appreciated and it is why you are here," Fote said.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be on April 1, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

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# student government

*From the front page*

## **MASSPIRG stays on campus after Senate votes to continue support**

what MASSPIRG wants students to be aware of, said one of the members. Graham and others have visited classrooms to see if students would pay the nine-dollar fee and sign up to advocate for the "Bottle Bill" to be on the state voting ballot in November. The "Bottle Bill" is one of their main goals for them at Westfield State. They have gathered 750 signatures on petitions for the bill from students by coming up and asking them in various places.

When MASSPIRG was finished, Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, opened the floor for discussion before the motion to start the referendum vote.

Tom Durkee, representative to the class of 2014, opened the discussion by saying how much he appreciates MASSPIRG's work for the state and campus. His concern about them was talking to the students about their decision in the nine-dollar waivable fee. Durkee said that it was too late for MASSPIRG to be talking about the fee after students had already made the payment on their bill before school started. "The description of what MASSPIRG is and what it does on the bill is very vague, and there needs to be more transparency on the bill to show where the nine dollars are going too," Durkee said. A high majority of students agreed on what Durkee expressed about the bill. SGA members said that even adding more paragraphs or a separate document could fix this issue for the future.

Courtney Keddy, representative-at-large, asked if Graham was going to remain at her position next year. She said that the campus coordinator is a one-year job and wasn't planning on returning for next semester. Some, but

not all, of the SGA found this troubling. Members said that if the change in leadership is different every year, then the goals of MASSPIRG specifically to Westfield State would be disconnecting to what another leader has already started the previous year.

Joshua Clark, representative-at-large, said that it was a good idea to have a fair vote. Clark said, "Like Tom eluded to, people who look at their bill not knowing exactly what MASSPIRG does, or just looking at the nine dollars and saying 'this is just nine dollars out of twenty thousand dollars...they [could] come to find out that MASSPIRG doesn't necessarily support the same things that they do or vice versa. So it kind of creates this weird hierarchy.'"

Steve Mailloux, representative-at-large, gave a different opinion by saying that the vote wouldn't be fair for the students who want MASSPIRG on campus. He said that since MASSPIRG has been here for 40 years, they have the right to stay. Mailloux also said the vote "is doing a strong disservice to not only MASSPIRG and students, but to any other group that comes here."

All if not most of the SGA gave praise to the work MASSPIRG does, but they expressed that the lack of a strong presence around campus needs to change in future. Victoria Landry, representative to the class of 2015, said that she would love to see more of a student presence around campus and even Facebook and other social media attempts from MASSPIRG organizers aimed at Westfield State students.

One MASSPIRG member brought up the idea of being more involved in the

SGA by talking more to the Senate and voicing how their involvement is impacting the campus from the local level to the high level in the organization.

Joshua Frank, vice president of finance, said that he is in favor of the opt-in fee. However, Frank said, "Since I am against the waivable, I feel like I'm in an awkward position taking away an opportunity for the students."

Fote addressed confusion that some of the SGA members had regarding on what they were voting on. She said they were voting to continue our support of MASSPIRG because choosing an opt-in fee would result in losing MASSPIRG. This is because MASSPIRG's statewide bylaws do not allow their chapters to collect fees on an opt-in basis, said Graham later in the meeting.

She also said the reason why the Senate was voting on this rather than an open campus vote is because SGA election turnout represents 10% of the campus, but the campus is best represented by the SGA representing all 5,500 students on campus.

Mailloux said that it should be a campus wide vote and that the executive board should not make that decision for all the students.

Rebecca DiVico, vice president of student life, interrupted Mailloux with a point of order to say that the decision is not up to executive board, but it is for the SGA senators to decide. Fote added, "We are not asking the 10% in this room, we are asking for the 5,000 people you represent. That's why you are here, the executive board didn't do this to get rid of MASSPIRG, and this is for representing the campus equally. We are hoping that

you vote for your constituents, and not on your personal feelings."

One of the MASSPIRG members pointed out that, "Just because we get to stay, if you vote for us, it does not mean that we are safe. Obviously you have concerns. We are going to try to make the changes that make us a more effective organization on campus."

"If we vote no, MASSPIRG is gone. If we vote yes then we have a lot of work to do making sure people know where their nine dollars are going to," Clark said.

As Fote motioned to vote on the nine-dollar waivable fee, Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2015, motioned to have the vote go to a referendum ballot, which would have placed the question on the ballot for the Spring election.

Joshua Clark, Ryan Losco, Andrew Morin, Victoria Landry, Ashley Deleon, Joshua Frank, Matthew Carlin, and Kevin Soucie were amongst the loudest voices arguing for the vote to stay in Senate. Richard Darrach and Steve Mailloux were the two loudest voices arguing to move the question to the ballot.

Frank said that he would rather have the SGA vote on the matter at hand because the senators are more informed on this issue than any of their constituents.

Darrach said his reason for his motion was that he feels like the SGA will have too much power if they voted on MASSPIRG's survival on campus. "They have a petition of 750 people, that is 13% and trumpets the 10% voted us to have this power to vote," said Darrach.

Ryan Losco, president of the class of 2016, said, "We

are here to make the tough decisions, we just sat through two hours of information that the general college has no idea about, we are the best students to make this decision." He also added that since the SGA represents only 10% of the campus, it means it is the SGA's fault to reach out to the school better. He hopes that they can raise the number during election weeks.

Mailloux then said, "This government is nothing more than a rubber stamp for the most part. How many times have we voted against anything? How does an actual government work? An actual government makes choices that are up and down; this government never votes against anything. The way I see it, we are going to get a more representative number of this campus by that general election than here because this group is hasn't done their job in the first place."

It caused ire amongst the senators but with the majority of those who offered discussion on the matter wishing to keep the vote within the Senate, Mailloux's comment was taken more as a last effort to sway them.

The motion to send the voting to a general public did not pass; only three 'yes' votes were given on the motion.

After Darrach's motion, Fote motioned again to keep the nine-dollar waivable fee, and it passed 44-13. The vote count is unofficial until the minutes from the March 25 meeting are approved by the Senate at their April 1 meeting.

MASSPIRG will still be on campus for another two years, but they will have to work on the concerns that the senators offered at the meeting.



## WSU announces the Emilee Dawn Gagnon Memorial Scholarship

### From news release

**WESTFIELD, Mass.,** March 24, 2014 - Westfield State University's Honors Program, Ely Library, and the Departments of Art, World Language Studies, and Ethnic and Gender Studies have established the Emilee Dawn Gagnon Memorial Scholarship.

This scholarship was established in honor of alumna Emilee Dawn Gagnon, who passed away last year while on a cross-country cycling trip to benefit multiple sclerosis.

This scholarship honors Emilee, an authentic individual with a wide range of academic interests, who brought a spirit of creativity, curiosity, diligence, social consciousness, and openness to Westfield State.

A feminist who championed human, animal, and environmental rights, Emilee combined her personal values and interests with her scholarly work.

Emilee was a vibrant presence at Westfield State. Professor Jamie Wainwright, chair of Westfield State's art department, explained that "to describe Emilee is like trying to capture a beautiful prism of color and placing it in a glass jar."

Wainwright continued, "She was a bright, intelligent, and charismatic student; the art department's personal rainbow."

Emilee worked at the Ely Library, where she became the library's first Lead Student Employee, with special responsibilities including the supervision of other students and the circulation desk when regular staff members were away.

Library Director Tom Raffensperger said, "Emilee loved the library, particularly activities such as author events, poetry readings, and therapy dog sessions during finals."

Fellow Honors alumnus Michael Brill recalls studying with Emilee for Arabic

class, "Emilee's last actions in life were representative of the way she lived. She possessed a truly generous heart and spirit that left a positive influence with anyone who met her."

This memorial scholarship celebrates Emilee's unique contributions to the Westfield State community by recognizing a student who embodies her core characteristics.

Contributions to the Emilee Dawn Gagnon Memorial Scholarship fund can be made by sending a check, made out to the "Westfield State Foundation, Inc." with "Emilee Dawn Gagnon Memorial Scholarship" written in the memo of the check, to: Westfield State University Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 1630 Westfield, MA 01086-1630.

For more information about contributing to the scholarship fund or applying for the Emilee Dawn Gagnon Memorial Scholarship, please contact Lisa



*Emilee Gannon, who passed away in September, is the namesake of this new scholarship.*

McMahon at the Westfield State Foundation at 413-485-7360 or at [lmcmahon@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:lmcmahon@westfield.ma.edu), or visit [westfieldalumni.org](http://westfieldalumni.org).

## Preston makes first official trips on behalf of the university, joins Twitter

### From news release

**WESTFIELD, Mass.,** March 25, 2014 - Westfield State University President Elizabeth H. Preston is making her first official trips on behalf of the university in March and will now be tweeting about her experiences as well @president\_wsu.

She is meeting with congressional leaders, alumni, students and parents to discuss the value and importance of Westfield State and the state university system, and enhance support for the university's mission.

From March 25-27,

President Preston will join her fellow state university presidents in Washington, D.C. as part of a delegation attending the annual New England Council Capital Briefing.

Prior to the NEC event, Preston and the presidents will meet with members of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation including Senator Elizabeth Warren, Congressman Richard E. Neal and others to advocate for increased federal funding of student financial aid and to discuss federal issues related to higher education.

Earlier in the month, President Preston traveled

to Florida with the Westfield State baseball, softball, and lacrosse teams on the annual college migration south for spring training.

Preston, along with staff from Athletics and the Westfield State Foundation, met with parents, alumni and students currently participating in internships in Florida to discuss the trends and challenges that are transforming higher education today and the current state of the university as it celebrates its 175th anniversary.

"Attendance at spring training provides an opportunity to validate the hard work of our scholar-

athletes," said President Preston. "This year is more important than most, because it also provided an opportunity to communicate to parents and alumni the deep confidence I have in the university and to underscore the fact that more than ever we need our alumni and friends to support our mission and our students."

To provide more frequent, real-time communication about the university and activities like her university travel, President Preston has joined Twitter.

"Joining Twitter is exciting and something I have wanted to do for a while," said Preston. "I am looking forward to engaging more broadly with people and sharing glimpses of the work we do in the President's office, providing information about life on and off campus, and discussing topics and trends in public higher education."

March activities culminate with Westfield's 175th Anniversary Alumni Gala on Saturday, March 29th at the university. All proceeds from the Gala will be used to fund student scholarships.

## From 'The Voice' Vault

This article was published in the November 5, 1975 issue of The Owl.

# CONTROVERSY RAGES IN CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

by Valerie Roberts

Are the courses you are taking "official and legal"? If they aren't, will WSC receive accreditation this year? Those of you who have been following the verbal volleyball concerning the Curriculum Committee may be confused. What about Dean Marrotte's statement that all courses are "legal and official"? What about Marilyn Denny's list of courses that she claims are not legal or official?

What is the truth of this controversy and how does it effect you as a student of WSC?

This issue is extremely important. The Owl has done extensive investigating and interviewing. We have attempted to provide fuller and more complete and factual information than may have been provided under letters to the editor. It is up to the reader after reading a presentation of the issues and sided involved to decide who is telling the truth.

before the committee. (i.e. independent study, research, seminar etc.) Another report dealt with the external degree which is still a matter pending before Curriculum Committee and we made recommendations as to how we should proceed. Another report dealt with the academic code. It made a recommendation that at the end of each year someone go over and do this work.

"There were than at least ten action reports. They were action reports in that first the sub-committee would have had to vote them, then the Curriculum Committee would have had to vote them, then the Academic Dean and the President would have had to approve them.

The report however hadn't even gotten to the sub-committee—this is where people had gotten confused. Mr. Hall and I had written up the 102 page progress report and we had written up about 6 of the action reports and we had begun to bring the action reports to the attention of the sub-committee. The first action report was distributed to the members of the sub-committee, for consideration at the next

Curriculum Committee which we felt they had to answer in order for us to be able to release our work.

"The questions were:

What actions are the Curriculum Committee going to take to help solve the problems which lead to the withdrawal of our work? To be more specific these are the problems of what we have called the "Inverse Rewards System. We felt very strongly that the college very often fails to recognize the members of the faculty who participate very heavily in collage service, and therefore since this work is very undervalued, our feeling was that if I was denied the status of member of the Curriculum Committee that I was therefore not obligated to provide them with the work. We felt that the Curriculum Committee should take some step to provide me with the status whereby I would then introduce my work I refuse to participate from the sidelines, to come very humbly with hat in hand and say well I have got all this work and if the committee will indulge me to address them then I'd like to present it.

This article was published in the April 6, 2012 issue of The Westfield Voice.

## WSKB/MASSPIRG benefit show a success

Jessica Thelen

Voice Reporter

On Saturday night, March 31, WSKB and MASSPIRG threw a benefit concert at Westfield State University.

The show took place in the Ely Campus Center and was a huge hit. Although neither group asked for donations, the show benefited both groups greatly.

WSKB is the university's radio station and MASSPIRG is a group that seeks to better not just the community, but the entire state of Massachusetts.

The show went from 8 p.m. to midnight and was a rousing success. The concert featured local bands and musicians, some of which included Westfield State students.

WSKB and MASSPIRG each had tables set up at the event. The WSKB table had free pizza, records and CDs, while the MASSPIRG table had a petition to sign and a poster detailing the corn industry.

Cotton Not Forgotten, a "local, up-cycled clothing company," also had a table at the event selling t-shirts, jackets, and other articles of clothing.

The show began with Nate Canty playing some punk and folk-

punk songs on acoustic guitar, inspiring an audience sing-along. He played songs from Andrew Jackson Jihad, Streetlight Manifesto, Mischieff Brew and others.

After Nate played his set, Social Deviance began. Social Deviance is an alternative hip-hop band consisting of Peter Gucwa as DJ Tayste Test and MC Dimetapp.

They describe their sound as "deviant, amorphous, and amazing" and that is exactly what they delivered.

Dimetapp's raps with their political and social-issue focus and Tayste Test's unique beats made Social Deviance an interesting treat to listen to. The concert also featured some impromptu comedy, musical guests and poetry reading, started by Tom Morello after Social Deviance's set.

Tom's comedy was centered on politics and social media, in particular Jersey Shore. After Tom made the crowd laugh, Jarryd Conz's three-piece, avant-garde experimental jazz-rock band The Leafies You Gave Me played.

The band consists of Jarryd on keyboard and saxophone, with his friends Josh Daniel on drums and Zach Scoble on bass. Their set consisted of improvisational, jazzy tunes tinged with rock and experi-

mental influences.

After the Leafies' wild set, a surprise musical guest, singer/songwriter/pianist Emma Murray, cooled things down a bit with some soulful original songs. After Emma, Hot Dirt played, which is a local band consisting of the bassist and drummer of Leafies, as well as Britt Brideau and Jeff Gilmartin on guitar.

Hot Dirt is an experimental, intense math rock band with jazz influences. They are a group of extremely tight musicians and put on an amazing show. Their songs were intricate and precise, with fun and freedom thrown in.

When Hot Dirt took the stage, the crowd immediately hopped up from the floor and began dancing. Their music can be found on their bandcamp site, linked off of their Facebook page.

Once Hot Dirt left the stage, leaving a grinning and sweaty audience behind, Ryan read some of his poetry while singer/songwriter/guitarist Forrest Thompson and drummer Colin Jalbert set up. Forrest played a set of original songs with the help of Colin on drums. Forrest played a set of personal songs, some of which were sung in Spanish or partially in Spanish, giving the audience a dose of Latin

flavor.

Before the show's headliner, The Fluff, took the stage, singer/guitarist/songwriter Chris Goudreau played two songs, one original and one cover. The first song he played was a cover of a Traffic song, complete with harmonica solos.

The next song he played was an original, with Jarryd helping out with sax playing. After 11, The Fluff took the stage. The Fluff is a funk band consisting of Andrew Estes on guitar, Dan Pappas on keyboard and piano, Colin Jalbert on drums, and Brandon Goulet on bass.

They played an extremely funky, tight set that had the whole room smiling, laughing, and dancing. They ended their set a little after midnight.

The WSKB/MASSPIRG Benefit Show was a huge success that was beneficial for both groups and the student body as a whole.

I will be on the executive board for WSKB next year, and I hope that we can plan more shows such as this one to showcase talented local musicians and bands, as well as help out with good causes.

Thank you to everyone who helped organize the event, as well as the performers and the spectators.



# opinions & editorials

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2014

RACE RUGH, EDITOR

## The Conservative View

### What is the future? Not Social Conservatism

Well folks it's time to talk about the elephant in the room (no pun intended...ok so maybe a little)...The Republican Party.

Now normally I would address some sort of current event in which there has been some sort of factual evidence.

However, this is not one of these times. I come to you, my readers, with a dilemma for our generation of conservatives.

What is the future of the Republican Party and the conservative ideals?

A couple of weeks ago I went to the Conservative Political Action Conference and I was horrified by the lack of unity when our leaders addressed the concerns of the party and the ideology.

However something that was intriguing was the concept of Social Conservatism, which I believed was a dying "cult."

As a New England Republican, I strongly disagree with social conservatism as an outdated way of thinking and don't see the use in trying to "regulate morality" in today's day and age.

A Social Conservative, in case you don't know, is one who would oppose gay marriage and be a pro-life supporter, though not needing to agree with both.

However, it would



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Asst. Managing Editor

seem Social Conservatism is making a last ditch effort to remain alive, as our generation begins to take the reins of power and surge into voter turnout.

As a relic of what I believe has become a bygone age, social conservatism is being heavily stressed within the Tea Party movement, and is threatening to take over the few "Red" states left.

Heck the Mass GOP (who has clear Tea Party ties) has placed Social Conservative items into their platforms for the election cycle.

What? In Massachusetts, someone wants to advocate for social conservatism?

Let me tell you something, you will fail 100% of the time. It's time for conservatives to wake up and smell the roses.

Heck even Southern states are giving up the battle against Social Conservatism and trying to keep their "morality" alive.

In the South, there has

been a law to deny services based on "religious freedom," however just like the past "separate but equal," this will not fly.

What I fear is that Republican leaders won't see the clear line drawn by young Republicans and will side with the "traditional" values over the new age.

Anti-gay marriage supporters have had no base of logic to use in their arguments to keep equality out of marriage, and in Massachusetts we have rightfully allowed marriage equality to be state recognized along with the Federal recognition.

A certain governor said "I'm sick of people asking me if I am pro-life, because I am pro-life after the nine months people are in the womb, "something that many of us have forgotten."

I firmly believe that this is the message we should be standing behind, because at this point in society, America has chosen which way it wants to go, its time to make sure the choice is always safe and always available.

To those Social Conservatives that have blatantly been attacked in this article, I only hope you will realize any party that rallies behind Social Conservatism has no future in American politics and should focus on issues



PHOTO BY JOSHUA CLARK

Chris Christie voiced his opinions on gay marriage and abortion at the annual Conservative Political Action Conference earlier this month.

that are still contested, not already lost.

While at CPAC, Chris Christie voiced these concerns, not honoring the pro-life question and gay marriage, but instead showing conservatives he is the true moderate and champion of a future party. As the entrance music to CPAC roared, "Welcome to the New Age."

To those who are looking for more and would like to ask questions,

look towards Gentlemen's Weekly on Thursday nights at 6 p.m. on 89.5 WSKB, where I will be discussing the ongoing issue of Conservatism and the future of Republicans.

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## Letters to the Editor

# Keeping the vote in the Senate was democratic, says a rep-at-large

Dear editorial staff and campus community,

Tuesday's vote within the Student Government Association, of which I participated in, is the exact essence of the amazing form of democracy that we have on this campus.

There were several things that came out of the meeting. First, 10% of the student body participates in the general election. Typically, in a MASSPIRG referendum year, the student body would see a question pertaining to their mandate on the ballot.

The Senate ended up making the vote to keep MASSPIRG on campus. Why is that?

The Senate is made up of seventy students who represent the entire 5,000-plus undergraduate students that attend this university. With a 10% voter turnout, that means about 500 people fill out a ballot.

With the figures that were given to me by MASSPIRG itself, a solid majority of those 500 or so students vote to keep them on campus. They approve the mandate and they are good for another two years.

With the senators being tasked to represent all of the student body, according to our constitution, I agreed with the executive board in their calculated decision to hold the vote within Senate instead of on the ballot.

It is our duty to represent the student body

and vote on the tough decisions come before us.

Secondly, the decision was very productive. The senators all brought important points to the floor and aired the concerns that needed to be said before we made our vote.

Having the vote within the Senate was key because we were very informed, especially after having an over two-hour discussion with the MASSPIRG representatives. We were more educated that the general campus population, which is why they sent us to the Senate in the first place: to be educated on the issues well enough to vote in their stead.

Thirdly, we voted in a democratic vote. The vote was not one-sided, and that is okay. After the motion to send the question to the ballot was defeated, we were voting on whether or not to continue our support of MASSPIRG on this campus.

A 'yes' vote meant we continued our support and they stayed whereas a 'no' vote meant we did support them and they had to leave campus.

An overwhelming majority supported MASSPIRG and that is great.

During the lengthy discussions before the vote, I was dead set on voting against extending our support for MASSPIRG because the waivable fee, the main issue that was brought up, was not going to be changed.

When the senators agreed that the waivable



Clark arguing against sending the MASSPIRG ballot question to the general election ballot. The Student Government Association voted to continue support for MASSPIRG on campus for another two years.

fee should be dealt with, a couple of us, myself included, brought up the need for more information to be given with the student bill so that students and their parents understand where the \$9 fee is going to.

It was the belief of the senators that students were paying the \$9 blindly in some cases because they either didn't understand where it was going, or they didn't feel it was worth waiving when the total bill is so high anyway.

My vote changed to 'yes' once it was decided that we would have to educate the campus better on what MASSPIRG is doing, where the waivable fee goes, and instructing students and parents to inform themselves about whether they support MASSPIRG's efforts or

not. When it was decided that this was a possibility, then my vote changed to 'yes.'

The point of this letter is to explain why I decided to change my vote, especially after leading the charge against the waivable fee, which will continue to exist. I was conflicted up until the second I had to say my vote.

These issues are what my fuel my service in the Student Government, just as they fuel a lot of my fellow senators' work.

I want to extend a 'congratulations' to MASSPIRG for their securing of another two-year mandate, and a 'good job' to the Student Government Association for remaining the solid voice on this campus.

I also recognize the unique circumstance that

allows this letter to appear in print in The Westfield Voice. As editor-in-chief, I did not have to send the letter to the editor, as I would be receiving a letter I wrote myself.

I decided to write this in letter format because to put it in the 'Editor's Desk' would be inappropriate and not in accordance with my belief in keeping my two positions on this campus separate.

If any senator or constituent wants to respond or offer their own opinions of the meeting, please send your 'letter to the editor' to thevoice@westfield.ma.edu.

Sincerely,  
Joshua Clark '15  
Representative-at-Large  
Student Gov. Assoc.



## From the Editor's Desk

# We can learn from Europe's Interwar-era mistake of appeasement in regards to our "friend" Vladimir Putin; questions about "Influential"

I began my first observation for my Education Planning and Evaluation class on Monday. The class requires 30 hours, which I am splitting into five all-day sessions.

My teacher is great, the students are excellent, and the content is interesting.

The point of mentioning this in the "Editor's Desk" is simple. During a lecture in the one Advanced Placement United States History that my teacher has, one of the students made a side comment that jump-started my brain.

We were discussing the appeasement of one Adolf Hitler, you know, the fascist dictator that created the Nazi Germany that caused World War II and the unnecessary deaths of millions of Jews and political enemies... that Hitler.

During the Interwar period, the 20 years or so between World War I and II, Hitler took power and immediately affixed his eyes on conquering Europe.

This began with the 1938 annexation of Austria by Nazi Germany. A vote was taken, they adopted Adolf Hitler as their leader, and Austria was part of Germany.

The parallel is drawn to current events with Vladimir Putin and Crimea. A "vote" was taken, Crimea was adopted to Russia, and they accepted Putin as their leader.

Hitler's next step was invading the Sudetenland with the promise that he won't try to occupy Czechoslovakia. Europe basically said, "Okay, we'll let you take over the Sudetenland." Hitler "promised" that he wouldn't invade Czechoslovakia.

When Hitler did invade the country, no one was surprised.

With Putin lining up troops along the Ukrainian border, no one should be surprised when he eventually decides to invade them.

Appeasement does not work for self-appointed presidents/prime ministers, just as it did not work for a (basically) self-appointed Führer. We need to learn from history instead of running away from it.

At the same time, it is not up to the United States to force Putin to stay within his borders. Europe and Asia need to step up to the plate and express their dismay at this.

The U.S. needs to keep its hand in the Western Hemisphere because we have too many things within our borders that need our attention.

## The Ten Most Influential Students on Campus

I received a lot of comments and questions regarding the eight-page section that we published in this newspaper last week.

Many of the comments were positive and I was very happy to hear that a plurality of people thought it was a job well done by the staff.

I think that as this is our first time doing something of this nature, we will find kinks and bugs that need to be worked out. That is natural. To have so many positive comments means a lot to the staff and me; they are all appreciated.

What I will address here are the criticisms, mostly construc-



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Editor-in-Chief

ive, and hope to clear up any misconceptions or rumors that are floating about regarding the section.

I had very productive conversations with several people who are in the Student Government, administration, and even

on the list itself. While they all enjoyed the list and thought it was a great addition to The Voice, there were still some things that needed to be done better. As editor-in-chief, I will take ownership of these mistakes and improve upon them for next year.

The first and most prevalent criticism is that the list was ranked. My intention was to have someone who is THE most influential and then have people who may very well be just as or almost as influential in the list. The thought was that this would encourage people to nominate more students next year or even more students to do more influential things.

Having ten students who are equally as influential is certainly nice, but as I said, it was not my original intention when I created this list. We will review this concept for next year.

The second is that the students in the honorable mention list are definitely just as or maybe more influential as the students on the list. While I could not speculate as to their influence, these are students who we (as the editorial staff) determined should have been nominated.

Hopefully in future years we

could have more nominations and thus a more contentious race to see who makes the list of ten.

This also requires there to be an independent panel of people to determine the ten as Matt and I, the two Voice editors on the list, are now recipients of the honor. Maybe we could even be barred from re-nomination.

Then there are general criticisms that originate from people who feel that they should have been nominated for the award and have received a spot in the list of ten.

To be frank, to these people I say this: if you are so influential, you would have been nominated. These ten people were identified by their respective nominators, so therefore they must be doing something right.

Next year, the process begins again and nominations will be accepted for the new list.

I cannot entertain that kind of criticism from people because the process was very inclusive of everybody and the award was well-advertised.

If there are any other questions, comments, or concerns about the section, come to Ely 305 (our office), email me, or stop me on the sidewalk and fill me in.

The process is supposed to be to reward students in a way that is different than all of the other awards on this campus.

If you would like an extra copy of last week's edition, come to the office and we can entertain your request. It is also available as a PDF on our website, [westfieldvoice.com](http://westfieldvoice.com).

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## Gentlemen's Weekly

## Importance of having a clean apartment for the date

It's date night, and you and your gal have been out a few times. So, tonight you've invited her over to your place for the first time for a romantic dinner for two (that you've whipped up yourself). Dinner is in the oven, you look dapper, and you've applied a manly aftershave. You hear a knock. Smiling, you answer the door to your apartment. Your date steps inside and she looks... immensely turned off. Imagine a castle gate slamming down. "What went wrong?" you ask yourself. You turn around, and with clear eyes for the first time you notice that your pad is the culprit. It's messy, smelly, and uninviting to anyone of the opposite sex.

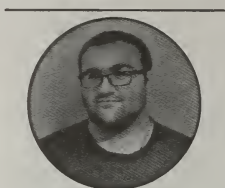
You can have everything go right on a date, only to ruin it with an unpresentable living space. Making a good first impression with what you call home shows your main squeeze that you care, but it also shows what kind of man you are. It will give her a sense of your per-

sonality as well as your personal responsibility. Don't blow the golden opportunity to impress your date the second she crosses the threshold into your place.

First, you must get rid of the smell. Smell is possibly the most cited infraction for bachelor pads. It has the potential to offend the nose as soon as your gal steps into your home. Follow these tips and you'll be okay in the olfactory real.

Start a couple of days early. If you know you're having a lady over to your place in advance, even if there's just a chance, start right away. If there's some lingering or deep-seated scent, it won't go away in the hour before her arrival. Perhaps even bring in an outside party to let you know what and where smells the worst. You've been living in it, you may not notice.

Eliminate the most obvious smell offenders. If it isn't some mysterious apple core behind the couch, the smell in your place is likely



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the result of multiple offenses. Do your dirty laundry (including bed sheets). It doesn't take long for those sweaty gym clothes to reek. Take out the trash. Those fresh veggies from two weeks ago have long since spoiled. I'll cover the bathroom more in-depth later, but get an air freshener in there ASAP. Do the dirty dishes and run the disposal in the sink if you have one; those are two big contributors to smelly spaces that you wouldn't necessarily think of.

Go easy on the Axe. Many a well-intentioned man, realizing his place smells funky, will decide to

give everything an Axe (or other scent) spray down. Mixing this smell with any other kind of funk is a recipe for disaster. A very light spray after you've cleaned is fine, but don't be tempted to think that a thick coating will cover up the smells of your apartment. Next, be clean, but not sterile. Remember to adhere to rules of general cleanliness. Now hopefully, you know what that looks like, but if you don't, bring a lady-friend of yours to give some pointers on what she's seeing.

A few items to definitely take care of are vacuuming, mop/dust applicable surfaces, have the dishes done, make the bed, and be organized.

Properly displaying your personality is very important. You can be sure that once a woman enters your abode for the first time, she'll be looking around for those things that display your hobbies and interests. She'll take a look at your bookshelf, DVD collection, the art/photos on your wall, and anything else she can find that shows your personality. So be prepared for some snooping.

Get your hands on some manly art for your walls. Lose the latest poster of the Hooters lineup. That's for boys, not men. Lose the never ending sports memorabilia. Having a few pieces is fine, but having your pad draped in your favorite team's colors will certainly be a turn off. Don't leave your walls blank either. That would contribute to that feeling of sterility mentioned above. Honestly, a trip to your local Goodwill for cheap, framed art is one of your best bets. Landscapes are always a good choice.

In addition, display

some photos on your shelves or wall. Pick photos that say something about your life. Pictures of you and your family, you on a memorable vacation, that sort of thing. Hanging in my apartment is an image of me receiving my Eagle Scout honor. This leads me to another thing; don't hide yourself. Allow your date to know who you are. Those Star Wars posters? Keep them hanging. Let her see exactly the kind of guy you are.

All I'll say on pets is be aware of pet sensitivities. Keep your critter corralled until you've given your date a heads up. Asking about allergies beforehand would be the smart thing to do.

Now, moving on to the always-important bathroom. Of any single room, the bathroom may be among the biggest offenders in the first impression category. Remember to clean it. When you're done, clean it again. Clean until the bowl is sparkly white and the walls shine. Keep the vanity tidy. Have toilet paper, and don't keep empty rolls around. Have soap and a clean hand towel ready for use. Have a trashcan out and lined with a bag. This is easy stuff.

When it comes to the kitchen, it's pretty simple. Have all the essentials ready in your cupboards and pantry; have at least one set of matching dishes (that aren't plastic), have more than just junk food, offer a variety of beverages, and keep it clean.

The bedroom is important on the chance that the

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# Reflections

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## at 175

**Poetry Contest**

The winner may be invited to read at Commencement on Saturday, May 17 at 4PM

On the occasion of the 175th anniversary of the founding of Westfield State we invite submissions from all alumni and students of a poem that embodies the spirit of Westfield State.

Email submissions to [westfield175poetry@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:westfield175poetry@westfield.ma.edu) by April 18. Include your student status or graduation year, email, phone and physical address

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The Seventh Side: Your Weekly Dose of Satire

# Housing advice from Sind T. Zelony

**D**ear Arbitrarily Doomed Readers,

It is that time of the year again. What time? Yes, it is springtime, but that is not what I was talking about. For those of you living on campus next year, it is just around housing sign-up time.

You know, that time of the year where you get horribly betrayed by the people you thought were your friends, and you make new friends with someone that has a lower housing lottery number than yourself.

However, I understand that some of our readers might be going through this process for the first time. Don't worry, though, Sind T. Zelony is here to help. Everyone who has housing now managed to get through this, and you can too!

It may sound like I really have no idea what I'm talking about, but those of you reading this won't necessarily care, will you? You'll just follow the proper instructions below, probably without reading this

paragraph. Those among you who read this who follow the proper faith will understand. The following descriptions should help you make your decisions.

**Old Apartments:** So the architecture of the buildings as a group really helps when trying to summon our eternal dark lord, runner up mascot, and bringer of darkness Cthulhu. The amplification effect is hard to describe. However, there are very few unicorn sightings compared to the other halls, and faeries are practically nonexistent.

**Scanlon Hall:** I'm afraid it will be difficult to cast a spell of farseeing here, seeing as the mana currents are rarely at their peak (the gravity of Saturn can really mess things up).

On the other hand, those of you interested in restoration magic will find benefit in the school's past, for those of you also studying necromancy in your spare time at Westfield State University.

**Lammers Hall:** A very nice residence for the schol-

## Sind T. Zelony Not an A&E Editor

ars among us, the land that the hall was built upon was enchanted by gnome priests in the nineteenth century, and it will confer a +2 intelligence bonus to anyone inside. Your constitution may suffer a little, however, so you may want to take that into consideration.

**Davis and Dickinson Halls:** While you probably won't be picking from these seeing as how they have always been first year halls in my memory, just keep in mind their placement and try to consider the angle they are from your room. If they both on a standard map are a degree that is a multiple of 17, you will be on a nexus point and you may start seeing apparitions. Other than this minor detail, you can ignore them.

**New Hall:** Despite its reputation for fire demons appearing out of nowhere in the middle of the night, it is actually one of the cool-

er places to live, considering the ice nymph we have locked in the secret basement that provides the air conditioning. You might occasionally find a door which leads to the twisted ruins of the kingdom of Grushindu circa 200 years from now, but you'll quickly learn which doors to avoid. A good place for Seniors.

**Courtney Hall:** Here be dragons.

**University Hall:** Despite the relatively high number of gold coins you'll need to get your party's health and mana restored, the recently erected University Hall will receive further powers when it learns its true name.

Until then, it is a bit of a mystery, and is good for those of you seeking adventure. It is a little out of the way, but teleportation tablets to Bates can solve that problem.

**Landsdowne Place:** Some describe it as "The dark place where the dark spiders live and dreams go to die" but I have heard differently. There is an old

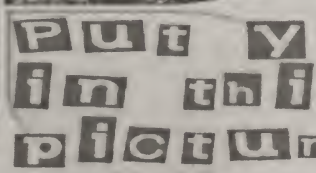
sage with a ten foot beard on the second floor who will gladly sell you mushrooms of lighting resistance, and that is nearly worth in itself. To be fair, I know the least about this place, so I would take the advice for this living quarters with a grain of salt.

As for the process itself, I heard that more of it is now online, so I won't bother you with the details. It will probably be just as wonderfully easy as class registration was. Think back to that and you shouldn't have anything to fear.

With a randomly determined amount of love as determined by lottery,  
Sind. T Zelony

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# Do veterans have a voice at Westfield State University?



Left to Right: Malcolm Yekhtikian, Christian M. DiLuzio, Uriah Smith, Gene Theroux, Apple Bottass, Will LaFever, Derek Bechard, and Kevin Bry.

## **Robert Richards** Voice Reporter

Christian DiLuzio, a veteran and a political science major, addressed the question, "Do veterans have a voice at Westfield State University?" by saying, "Not yet, that's the biggest purpose of the Westfield State Veterans Association. We need to mentor, support, and be a fellowship to the three-hundred-plus veterans we have on this campus."

The Westfield State Veterans Association is a new club started last semester, and plans to do some exciting things on campus. The Westfield State University Veterans and Military Service Coordinator, William LaFever, is responsible for bringing the group to life. Westfield State University is known as a military friendly school, and with a

new club on campus focusing on military and veteran issues; it can only strengthen the school. It's the Westfield State Veterans Association's goal to welcome all people to the club meetings.

You don't have to be a veteran, service member, or in the National Guard to be a part of the club. The club wants supporters and a network that would be healthy to military, veteran affairs, and all that attend.

Malcom Yekhtikian, a veteran student on campus said in regards to his professors, "My professors recognize I'm a veteran and support me." Many students on campus want encouragement and support, and when a professor conveys support it means a great deal to veterans.

It's important to remember that not all students at Westfield State University

come freshly out of high school. There are students who have jobs, families, serve in the military, and are veterans.

Yekhtikian also said in regards to veterans having a voice on campus: "Holyoke Community College had a lounge and that helped bridge the veterans' community, because veterans are non-traditional students. Westfield State University doesn't have a veterans lounge and that impedes us! Not having a lounge takes away our community!"

We have many students on the Westfield State University campus who come from vastly different walks of life with many different life experiences.

As a result, these students can add a great depth to the classroom and engage in creative ways in student activities and other

events that happen around campus.

Are you aware that this semester we have 252 veterans, active duty, and reserves, and 43 dependents using benefits, making the total to 295 on our campus? We also have 100 distant learners. "The average age of a veteran on campus is twenty-nine years old," said LeFever.

The president of the Westfield State Veterans Association is Uriah Smith, a junior in the political science degree program. He served our country in the United States Marine Corp as an E4 Corporal and was stationed at Camp Pendleton in California.

Smith was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He jokes and says that he faced many sand storms and camel spiders.

Uriah Smith is a great

leader and plans to lead the Westfield State Veterans Association in making a lasting impact on our campus. He, along with all the members of the club, welcomes you to join.

Uriah's response to the question "Do Veterans have a voice at Westfield State University?" was, "We have a voice and it's growing. We need more people to come to the meetings and to have fun."

The Westfield State Veterans Association meets the first and third Wednesday of every month. The club meetings will be located in Wilson Hall, room 112.

The club also has a new Facebook page. You can "Like it" at <https://www.facebook.com/westfield-stateveteransassociation> to find out what the Westfield State Veterans Association is doing and to get involved.



# Need help figuring out the housing sign-up process?

CREATED BY REBECCA DiVICO, STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT LIFE

## Important Dates

| Event                                             | Date       | Time    | Location            |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|---------------------|
| Information Sessions                              | Feb 5 & 19 | Varies  | Residence Halls     |
| Room Reservation Deposit Due                      | Feb 28     | 5:00 PM | Residential Life    |
| Disability Accommodation Requests Due             | March 7    | 4:00 PM | Banacos Center      |
| Disability Accommodation Decisions E-mailed       | March 17   | Noon    | E-mail              |
| Honors Housing Requests Due                       | March 19   | 4:00 PM | Honors Program      |
| Selection for Approved Disability Accommodations  | March 21   | Noon    | Residential Life    |
| Honors Housing Selected                           | March 21   | Noon    | Residential Life    |
| Selection Night #1 for SR/JR Groups Only          | March 24   | 5:00 PM | Online in MyHousing |
| Meet & Greet #1—All Students                      | March 25   | 7:00 PM | University Hall     |
| Selection Night #2 for SR/JR/SO Groups Only       | March 26   | 5:00 PM | Online in MyHousing |
| Meet & Greet #2—All Students                      | March 27   | 7:00 PM | University Hall     |
| Selection Night #3 for SR/JR/SO/FY Groups         | March 31   | 5:00 PM | Online in MyHousing |
| Selection Night #4 for SR/JR/SO/FY Groups         | April 2    | 5:00 PM | Online in MyHousing |
| Housing Agreement Completed for Random Assignment | April 4    | 5:00 PM | Online in MyHousing |

## Westfield State University

### Checklist, Tips, & Suggestions

For Successful Housing Registration!!!



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## Checklist

- ☒ Pay your \$200 Room Reservation Deposit.
- ☐ Log onto MyHousing, located in your myWestfield account under the Campus Life tab; click "Go to ApplyOnline" and complete your Housing Agreement and Application.
- ☐ Return to MyHousing and this time click "Go to MyHousing"; Go to Room Selection and click on Roommate Selection; Search by Last Name and request your roommates.
- ☐ Confirm your Roommate Group is MATCHED; NOT MATCHED will appear next to students who have not accepted their requests. Be sure all students in your group have confirmed BEFORE your Selection Night.
- ☐ Check your e-mail the day before Selection Nights to find out your selection time.
- ☐ Have the member of your group with the earliest selection time log onto MyHousing and click "Go to MyHousing"; Go to Room Selection and click on Select a Room/Suite; Select a room/suite from those available, place your group into the correct rooms and click Submit.
- ☐ Look for the confirmation on screen of your selection and check your e-mail for confirmation of your selection.
- ☐ Relax, your housing is now confirmed for 2014-2015!

## Tips & Suggestions

- Get together with your future roommates on your sign up nights and make an event out of it!
- Have the person with the earliest selection time ready to select for your group.
- Use the wired network during selection to avoid interruptions of your wireless signal.
- Have MULTIPLE back-up plans in case your first choice for housing does not work out. This includes multiple housing options and multiple roommate options.

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# arts & entertainment

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2014

LEWIS PACHECO AND LYNDON SEITZ, EDITORS

as of Mar. 26, 2014

## Top 10 Singles

1. Pharrell Williams - Happy
2. Katy Perry ft. Juicy J - Dark Horse
3. John Legend - All of Me
4. Jason Derulo ft 2 Chainz - Talk Dirty
5. Bastille - Pompeii
6. Lorde - Team
7. OneRepublic - Counting Stars
8. Beyonce Ft Jay Z - Drunk in Love
9. Soko-We Might Be Dead By Tomorrow
10. Aloe Blacc-The Man

## Top 5 Albums

1. Frozen Movie Soundtrack
2. Spring Break 6... Like We Ain't Ever (EP)-Luke Bryan
3. Mastermind- Rick Ross
4. Lift Your Spirit- Aloe Blacc
5. GIRL- Pharrell Williams

## Top 5 Movies

1. Divergent
2. Muppets Most Wanted
3. Mr. Peabody & Sherman
4. God's Not Dead
5. 300: Rise of An Empire

## Upcoming DVDs

1. Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues
2. 47 Ronin
3. The Bag Man
4. At Middleton
5. Forgetting the Girl

## Insert "appropriate" headline here

### Matthew Carlin

*Assistant Managing Editor*

Steve Hofstetter made another appearance to campus this past Saturday night performing at the Owl's Nest alongside complimentary food.

Student Activities put in a lot of time and effort into dressing up the Nest with black table clothes and seating arrangements that resembled that of a comedy club.

His opener was Steve's friend; Scott Sharp who offered a couple of quick jokes to set the tone for the night. Scott's ending line referred to his restart into the single life after four years with his previous ex. Due to the content of his joke, I'll just say that he has a very strange relationship with his friends...

However it would be a crime if I did not mention the star of the show. The ASSMAN, J.R Neib who was a big hit the last time Hofstetter performed and had inspired the comedian so much; a recording was put up on Steve's official YouTube video. J.R Neib was awarded a free album/cd for his contributions to the Q/A at the end of the set.

Hofstetter perfor-

mance was an excellent example of true comedy; known for his unremorseful remarks during his set and this was no exception. The Owl's Nest was filled in a matter of minutes as the doors opened Saturday night, with barely enough room to stand up.

"Ca-click" the noise used to describe the actions Steve took while in Springfield. Alongside his stories involving dogs and his wife, Steve advertised his new commercial with JDate, an online dating service for those of the Jewish faith. Steve, who actually meet his wife on JDate, likes to point out how it's a minute and a half of his wife talking, and him just "staring out into a field."

The show lasted for about an hour in which time a multitude of subjects from dogs to bar patrons who have only three fingers.

For those who don't remember the last show, we learned Mr. Hofstetter has performed at a variety of events including a KKK bar and even the diverse university in Utah.

As he said, "you want to find your diversity? Look at the College web-



*Saturday was a night of laughter with comedian Steve Hofstetter and Scott Sharp. In the photo comedian and assistant managing editor Matthew Carlin*

site." Which received a roar of laughter. Along with one of his ending comments "Ask me why I am a douche?"

If you didn't catch the comedy show, remember to check out the voice and Ely for upcoming campus events.

Steve's shows and

albums can be found on both YouTube and his website where fans can download albums for free. Merchandise, like the one I advertise in the photo, can be found on his website or at any of his shows. Just be careful when you ask me about it...



## Lyndon's Album Reviews

**"1776" has a unique southern punk sound****Lyndon Seitz**

A&amp;E Editor

**28 North** – Rock music a little on the heavier side. I really had my hopes up after hearing the opening track, "Pride," which had everything going for it. Unfortunately, my hopes were dashed after hearing the rest of the album, with the exception of the track "Prayer to Mars," which was average at best. They stick to a certain style of singing (putting too much into every note, I feel sorry for the vocal cords), and the rest is what you would expect from heavy rock. While the two tracks I mentioned



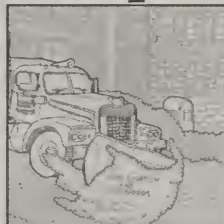
are nice, they're not a good enough reason to get the entire album.

**3 Pill Morning: Take Control** – This band seems to have a bit more polish to it than the rest, and they display some pop sensibilities when making their hard rock music. The music was listenable, and full of energy that fans would probably look for. In the end though, I get the feeling that they're just another rock band in a world full of them. I imagine that those interested will see their live show first if possible, and then make up their own minds. Otherwise, there's only a small



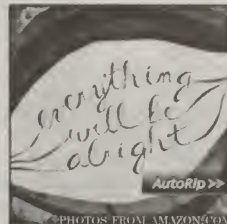
chance that you'll like it.

**1776: 1776** – This is a rock album that has a slightly unique sound to it that is rather difficult for me to pinpoint; it isn't afraid to veer off into the strange and use both southern and punk influences. That being said, while it first captures your attention the novelty wears off very quickly and you become rather bored with the album quickly. The best track is the fast tempo "I Won't Be Your Prey," but it only compares to the average song on much better albums. Compared to what else is out there, I can't really recommend it.



**Yoni Gordon & The Goods: Buried in the Basement** – As much as I want to like this heavily punk influenced album, the vocals are so grating to my hearing at points that they distract me from the high quality of the songs I find on the album. That being said, on some tracks like "I Dreamed I Saw Billy Briggs Last Night" or "Break the Spell" the vocals work better and the songs are very enjoyable. The album has the capability. I recommend this to most punk fans and other people might be interested in it.

Yael Meyer: Every-



**thing Will Be Alright** – Standard female vocal pop with electronic music in the background. It sounds nice, but it is very fragile. What I mean by this is that one hears through the simplicity pretty quickly, and figures out that there isn't all that much of substance here. The vocals are nice, but they aren't all that unique in their execution. The lyrics and lyrical themes are nothing particularly special either, so I fail to see any reason to give this album your money's attention. It is nice to listen to once but I doubt you will be putting it on repeat anytime soon.

**Ars poetica**

Candle in My Mind  
by Hayley Rebmann

My mind...  
it burns/  
The candle/  
Of my heart/  
It swings and sways/  
From the gust of the winds/  
I don't know which way it will go/  
Which way the wind will blow/  
I just want to know/  
When the candle will burn out/  
And the flame will die.

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## Knowing to Cook

# A few words on the vegetarian diet



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**Ryan Cashman**  
Voice Columnist

I am surprised I have not gotten any flak for neglecting to write about the vegetarian diet in any previous columns. The main reason I have shied away from doing so is, while it is a diet I respect, it is not a diet I understand. I have many friends who are vegetarians and are totally content with the extraction of meat from their diet, which is something I know I could never do. My love for the most American of creations, the hamburger, is too strong.

There is no doubt that the vegetarian diet is a very healthy alternative to the average American diet. The focus is more on organic foods and ingredients, while artificial preservatives and additives are shunned. While I stand more on the

side of vegetarians in terms of organics, I understand the need for cheap, artificial food. However, this is the point when food begins to become political, which is not the point of this week's column.

The vegetarian diet is said to have begun around the 5th Century BC in India, where it is still a very dominant part of the culture. In Asia, vegetarianism centers on a more spiritual belief of the sacredness of sentient life. Certain animals are sacred in some eastern religions and eating them is considered a cruelty. In terms of Buddhism, the vegetarian diet is used as a way to lead a very peaceful, well-rounded life, and restraining from killing or eating the meat of a slaughtered animal because all life is sacred. The vegetarian diet is very

much a part of the culture and cuisine of Central Asia and is not nearly as politicized as it is in the West.

While Europe is small enough to sustain a farm based agricultural economy, America's size and population creates a more demanding atmosphere for fast and affordable food. And while many fast food restaurants are adding vegetarian options, the country is in no way ready to fully integrate the diet into the culture. Still, like anything else, vegetarianism is working its way step by step to become a more nationally accepted diet.

Now, let's actually talk about the food involved. There are many creative and wonderful dishes you can create without the use of meat. As matter of fact, looking back on previous columns, over half of the

recipes I have given you can be considered vegetarian. There are a great amount of pasta dishes, curry dishes, and soup recipes that are completely vegetarian. A good deal of Italian cuisine is predominantly vegetarian in nature, along with several other Mediterranean countries.

While we were in high school, my friend Eamon, a vegetarian at the time, would often invite me over to his house for dinner. There I would always sample several fascinating meals that I would not think to have emerged from a vegetarian kitchen. They were great meals, filled with beans, rice, pasta, wonderful ripe vegetables and fruits, and savory sauces. There are times when my stomach is fuller from a vegetarian meal than an average meal.

Still, while I do enjoy having a wonderful and completely vegetarian meal from time to time, I cannot comprehend living my life that way. I love all food too much! That's why this column is called "Knowing to Cook" rather than "Carnivore's Delight" or "A Vegan's Lament." I love all food and I love writing about all food. There are endless discoveries to be made in all aspects of food that I cannot hold myself to one specific diet or method of eating. Food is too good to be constrained and categorized.

As promised from last week, here is an Original Cashman Recipe I tested out this weekend. And in keeping with the theme, it is completely vegetarian.

Enjoy this recipe for Ricotta Dumplings with Hot Peppers and Sun-Dried Tomatoes!

Buona Tavola and  
Mangiare Bene!  
**RICCOTA DUMPLIGS  
WITH HOT PEPPERS  
AND SUN-DRIED TOMATOES**

## Ingredients:

- ¾ cup all purpose flour
- ½ cup ricotta cheese
- Salt & Pepper
- 1 hot pepper, minced
- 3 sliced sun-dried tomatoes, minced
- 3 large egg yolks
- Olive oil

## Instructions:

1. Place a saucepan over medium high heat.
  2. Add olive oil to pan and sauté the minced sun-dried tomatoes until they are soft. Set aside to cool.
  3. In a medium bowl, combine the flour and ricotta and mix lightly with a fork.
  4. Add the 3 egg yolks and mix thoroughly with the fork until the egg is completely mixed in.
  5. Mix in the minced hot peppers and cooled sun-dried tomatoes.
  6. Flour a large cutting board and transfer the flour mix to it.
  7. Flour your hands and knead the dough until it is smooth.
  - Note: Flouring your hands and the board will prevent the dough from sticking.
  8. Take a large knife and cut the dough into 6 small sections.
  9. Roll each section into a slightly thick log.
  10. Cut down the length of the log to make the small dumplings.
  11. Add the dumplings to a boiling pot of water.
  12. When the dumpling from the bottom of the pot to the top of the water, they are finished.
- Serve with a simple tomato sauce, cheese, olive oil, and some good bread.



# owls athletics

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2014

ANDREW BURKE, EDITOR

## Lacrosse ends losing streak

*Meg Griffin wins MASCAC Player Of The Week and team beats Nichols*



In a game against Bridgewater State on March 11, a group of Owls players converge on defense. The team lost that game and the next, but won against Nichols.

### WSU Athletic Department

**DUDLEY, Mass.** – Sophomore Meg Griffin (Granby, Conn.) racked up 11 points on eight goals and three assists and junior Stephanie Lenhardt (Duxbury, Mass.) chipped in with five goals and two assists as Westfield rallied for a 17-11 victory over Nichols College in non-conference women's lacrosse action on Saturday, March 22.

Nichols carried an 8-3 lead into halftime; Griffin scored two of the Owls' three markers in the first half. The second half was a complete reversal of the first half, as the visitors ripped off 13 of the next 14 goals – including 12 unanswered – to move in front 16-9 with 12:20 remaining in regulation. Griffin scored six goals during the run while Lenhardt netted four. Nichols did not get closer than six goals the rest of the way.

Scoring two goals for 2-3 Westfield was Blair Smith. Freshman Brooke Marion (South Hadley, Mass.) potted three goals and added an assist as the Bison slipped to 3-2 on the season. Nichols juniors Talia Hohmann and Erica Antonison each

scored twice while freshman goalie Katherine Cotton stopped 13 shots.

The Bison outshot the Owls, 33-30, including 20-9 through the first 30 minutes. Griffin led Westfield in both ground balls (four) and draw controls (nine). Sophomore Mimi Khampaeng recorded 13 saves to earn the win.

Meg Griffin has been selected the Massachusetts Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) women's lacrosse player of the week

after her past performance against Nichols.

Griffin recorded game highs of eight goals, three assists and nine draw controls along with four groundballs in the Owls' 17-11 comeback victory on Saturday, March 22.

Westfield has two key games scheduled this week: Wednesday at Mount Holyoke College and Saturday afternoon when it hosts Salem State in the home opener. Wish the team good luck.

### **Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events**

#### *Saturday, March 22th*

W LAX at Nichols  
12:00 p.m. W 17-11  
M/W Track at Jerry Gravel  
Classic (cancelled)  
Cheerleading at East Coast  
Classic (TBD)

#### *Sunday, March 23th*

Baseball vs. Lyndon State  
(DH) 12:00 p.m. PPD to 3/30  
- 2:30 p.m. PPD to 3/30

#### *Tuesday, March 25th*

Softball at WCSU (DH)  
3:30 p.m. PPD 5:30 p.m. PPD

#### *Wednesday, March 26th*

Softball at Becker College  
(DH) 3:30 p.m. PPD - 5:30  
p.m. PPD  
W LAX at Mount Holyoke  
College 5:00 p.m.

#### *Thursday, March 27th*

Baseball vs Springfield Col-  
lege 3:30 p.m.

### **Upcoming Owls Athletics Events**

#### *Saturday, March 29th*

Baseball at Mass. Maritime  
(DH) 12:00 - 2:30  
Softball (DH) at Mass. Mari-  
time 12:00 - 2:00  
W LAX vs Salem State  
2:00 p.m.

Cheerleading at NECA Open  
Invitational

M/W Track at Coast Guard  
Invitational

#### *Sunday, March 30th*

Baseball vs Lyndon State  
(DH) 12:00 - 2:30

#### *Monday, March 31th*

Baseball vs Springfield Col-  
lege 3:30 p.m.

#### *Tuesday, April 1st*

Softball vs Amherst (DH)  
3:30-5:30

#### *Wednesday, April 2nd*

W LAX at Smith College  
4:00 p.m.

## Second Round predictions for the 2014 NCAA tournament



Mercer pulled off the most shocking upset of the first round of this year's NCAA tournament with their win over Duke. This is the first time in 40 years that the sweet sixteen is without Duke, Kansas, North Carolina, or Syracuse.

**Jon Rebmann**  
Voice Reporter

As the first week of March Madness comes to an official close, few teams remain. I imagine if your bracket looks anything like mine then you probably had a bad week as well. In a tournament that has been filled with upsets and over-

time games (four in the first day alone, a new NCAA record for most on any day in the tournament), let's talk about some of the biggest games that you may have missed.

One of the biggest surprises this week came from one team that many billion dollar hopefuls had to win the national title. Third

seeded Duke, led by freshman phenom Jabari Parker, were expected to win easily against 14th seeded Mercer, who slipped into the tournament by winning the Atlantic Sun title. Unfortunately, as was the case when they played 15th seeded Lehigh as a 2 seed in 2012, the Blue Devils underperformed and under-

estimated their opponent, losing 78-71 in a game that wasn't as near as close as the score might seem.

One of the most disappointing performances has to be Rodney Hood, who scored a mere six points on 2 of 10 shooting from the field. Parker, who is currently vying for the #1 pick in the upcoming NBA Draft, probably didn't help his case by shooting 4 of 14 while scoring an uncharacteristic 14 points. As a team, the Blue Devils shot 22 of 62 from the field, but their biggest downfall was their defense. Even though the Bears took 17 less shots than the Blue Devils from the floor, they still managed to make more field goals, shooting 25 for 45. Throughout the year, the Blue Devils had struggled to play defense from beyond the ark, which the Bears used to their fullest advantage by shooting 5 for 13 from three point land, compared to a sloppy 15 for 37 for the Blue Devils. The Bears, led by fab forwards Jakob Gollon and Daniel

Coursey, had five scorers with at least ten points, including 20 for Gollon and 17 from Coursey while shooting for a combined 12 for 21 from the floor.

It's not even that the Blue Devils played bad. They just failed to do what they've done so well all season: take control. They let Mercer walk all over them, and when they took the lead, they failed to capitalize on it, which led to sloppy turnovers and gave the Bears a much easier chance to score, especially in the post. But even with that said, the Blue Devils still weren't the biggest disappointment in the second round.

Sixth seeded UMass, who many bracketology analysts argue were seeded too high to begin with, played the 11th seeded Tennessee Volunteers, who advanced to the second round after defeating the Iowa Hawkeyes in the First Four. As many brackets predicted, the Volunteers

see REBMANN on page 21

### Sports From Carlin's Couch

## I hope you're better than your brackets this week

**Matthew Carlin**  
Asst. Managing Editor

Over the course of March Madness I believe some basketball fans have found their pride and their intelligence challenged by the way such "elite" teams like Duke, Syracuse, Kansas and Ohio State played. All of these teams have one thing in common, they cost hundreds of brackets the chance to win a billions dollars in the perfect bracket contest sponsored Warren Buffet.

Now normally I wouldn't even bother talking about college basket-

ball, you know the only real basketball leagues. However it has been an absolute joke for all these upsets. Actually, let me retract that, those games weren't upsets they were just complete failures. Now I wish all the "underdogs" luck as they continue down their unexpected path to the Final four, but for god sakes, NCAA thinks of our brackets!

Now let's get on to a quick mention of the Red Sox. David Ortiz over the past week has signed a deal with the Sox basically guaranteeing that he will finish his career in Bos-

ton. Ortiz has signed a deal that essentially gives him a four-year contract as long as he plays well and stays healthy.

Ortiz has been a wonderful element of the team since he signed in 2003, being a part of three of our World Series championships. Big Papi, who is now 38, is expected to be rewarded bonuses as long as he has 425 at-bats throughout the season. However, the options for 2016 and 2017 are entirely up in the air, with Papi saying each year is different and that he needs to take it year by year.

Let us be serious here, Ortiz has been one of our best batters of all time, and I don't make that sort of judgment often. However, his bat has been the common factor in every single run to the World Series. Ortiz is one of the last few veterans from the curse breakers that won the World Series in 2004. Though it should be said that I don't expect Ortiz to stay past 40, he is definitely a hall of famer and even one of Boston's finest supporters. As he put so well last year "It's our \*\*\*\*\* city!"

Now I will address the haunting issue that has

been on our mind for the past few weeks. Michael Vick. Well for some reason, Vick has now found himself in a New York Jets uniform... sure the quarterback is a seasoned player and compared to the alternatives the guy is a football god! Vick was convicted years ago for his infamous dogfighting ring and now is looking to move to starting roles for two major teams (The Eagles and the Jets). Do I think he belongs on the Jets? As a quarterback, yes, however I still don't know how he doesn't have a long number on an orange "jersey."



## Get Burked

## College student-athlete union approved by National Labor Relations



PHOTO FROM SPORTS ILLUSTRATED

Former Northwestern quarterback Kain Colter is the front man for the student-athlete's push for a union separate from the NCAA. They won on Wednesday.

Earlier this year, college football players at Northwestern University bid for a union apart from the NCAA. College Athletes Players Association called the NCAA "a dictatorship" and hoped to separate entirely from it.

However, in a ruling that may change the face of college sports for the future, the National Labor Relations Board ruled that the football players qualify as employees of Northwestern and have the right to unionize.

The NLRB states that the fact that the student's scholarships are tied directly to their play on the field and the players must make large time sacrifices as viable reasons worthy of union rights.

When the bid was originally initiated, both Northwestern and the NCAA felt strongly that the NLRB would rule in their favor and keep the student-athletes under NCAA regulations. After this ruling came to be, Northwestern issued a formal statement saying that they would appeal the NLRB.

Money is a major factor in this situation. Northwestern said that unionization and collective bargaining are not appropriate options when solving student issues. They firmly stand by their belief that student-athletes are not employees, but rather students.

The Big Ten Conference released a statement parallel with Northwestern.



**Andrew Burke**  
Sports Editor

CAPA was formed in January and is headed by former Northwestern Quarterback Kain Colter. The players will be given the option to vote on whether or not they want to join CAPA, who brought the bid to the NLRB or the United Steelworkers Union, who has been backing the legal payments.

The goals that CAPA has right now include

guaranteed coverage for sports-related medical expenses, insuring procedures to prevent future injuries, and potentially allowing players to seek endorsement deals and sponsorships.

The organization is focusing on private schools because the NLRB does not have the ability to affect public universities.

CAPA has said through its attorneys that college football is in all ways a commercial enterprise that relies on the athletes to fuel the billion-dollar industry. By this logic, CAPA says that the athletes must be employees of the university.

The NCAA has been under intense scrutiny over recent years for its amateurism rules and

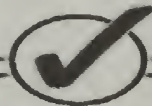
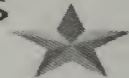
transfer penalties. They are also currently fighting a lawsuit brought about by former NCAA athletes asking for a cut of the money made off of video game licenses, television deals, and memorabilia sales.

Although the NCAA has made attempts for offer payment for athletes, they are not substantial or worthy of what the athletes make for the universities themselves.

A college athletic union can be a turning point in favor of college athlete's rights. The fight for compensation for athletes beyond scholarships will continue to be a highly debated topic, but for now the athletes will work on forming their separate union.

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purpose of the meeting began shifting to a more positive realm around the time that one student, Amanda McCarthy, a senior elementary education major, explained that she too is sometimes bothered by rowdy, rambunctious students; reassuring the neighborhood residents that they are not alone in their feelings, that others – students, at that – share their opinions of certain problematic students.

Although the overall mood of the meeting seemed rather tense at first, there was a shift in atmosphere. When students expressed their genuine sympathy toward neighborhood residents, it became evident that Westfield State University students as a whole are not the issue; the problem derives from particular students that have caused problems, holding students in a negative regard to the neighborhood. All in all, the meeting had a very positive effect, and is without-a-doubt a large step in the right direction.

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date may end up there (hey, I need to put it in, it's a reality of dating). Remember to make the bed, pick up your clothes, and keep it clean (the bedroom, that is).

Now, these rules should be followed anyway, even if there isn't a chance of a date occurring there. But, if you follow these simple rules of keeping your place clean, then anytime you have a lady over, instead of hearing her being turned off by the sound of the Windows 98 "door closing" sound bite, she will be excited and ready for the night.

### Owls Athletics

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rolled over the Minutemen 86-67, but what surprised many about this game is that UMass didn't even put up a fight. In the first half, the Volunteers outscored the Minutemen 41-22, in a game that proved to us that UMass was just too scrambled and sloppy of a team to be anywhere near as near as competitive as they seemed towards the first half of the season. In his final college

basketball game, Chaz Williams was probably the biggest asset for the Minutemen, scoring 12 points off 6 of 11 shots from the floor while adding five assists. Meanwhile, the rest of the starting five shot 15 for 38 for 36 points and just three assists. The Volunteers, on the other hand, had a much more productive day as a whole, where four of its starters combined for 26 for 41 from the floor and an astonishing 73 points, including 26 from junior forward Jarnell Stokes and 23 from senior guard Jordan McRae.

To be fair, the Minutemen did play much better ball in the second half, but similar to their A10 Tourney game against George Washington (who in my opinion was a much stronger and consistent team this year), the Minutemen showed little awareness and ball handling skills. They constantly rushed their shots and pressured themselves to take risks that didn't pay off, and ultimately led to their upbringing. Unfortunately, since many players, including Chaz Williams, will not be returning next year, it might be

a while before the Minutemen make it to the Tourney anytime soon.

Other notable games from the second round include #12 North Dakota State's 80-75 win over #5 Oklahoma that many bracket experts overlooked, #9 Pittsburgh's 77-48 blowout over #8 Colorado, and #11 Dayton's surprise victory over #6 Ohio State in a match that many Buckeyes fans were dreading coming into that game. Some notable second round games include #8 Kentucky's 78-76 win over Wichita State to hand the Shockers their only loss this season, #6 Baylor's shocking defeat over Doug McDermott's 3rd seeded Creighton Blue Jays 85-55, and #10 underdog Stanford's thrill-

ing 60-57 victory over national championship favorite #2 Kansas in what will likely be Andrew Wiggins' last game as a Jayhawk.

With only 16 teams left in the Tournament (including five teams with a 7 or lower seed), the competition is heating up, the stakes are getting higher, and the games are only getting better. And even though my bracket is completely demolished (I had Duke going to the Sweet Sixteen and Kansas winning it all), there's no doubt I'll be glued to the TV screen watching every matchup as the tensions rise, and expecting many more upsets to come. Be sure to watch all the action this week on CBS with additional coverage on ESPN and ESPN2.



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## David Langlois is Mr. Westfield; Pageant grants another 'wish'



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*All of the contestants of the Mr. Westfield pageant before the crowning. Mr. Westfield 2013 Nathan Evancic and co-hosts Taylor Fote and Steve Kligerman are to the right.*

**Joshua Clark**  
Editor-In-Chief

Mr. 2015 David Langlois, a junior communications major, is the new Mr. Westfield.

Langlois took the crown from roommate and close friend Nathan Evancic, who was Mr. Lammers 2013. His talent was a video that he produced himself entitled, "The Life and Times of Mr. Westfield: The Nathan Evancic Story."

The video was an over-the-top "mockumentary" about the "life and times" of Nathan Evancic.

When asked about how it felt to be Mr. Westfield, Langlois responded, "It feels cool... I don't know how to put it into words."

He added, "It was exhilarating

to see the show come together."

The other contestants performed musical instruments, completed stand-up routines, or similar talents. Langlois' video was certainly unusual, as he acknowledges.

"I wanted to do something that reflected my own talents. One thing I've been okay at was video," he said. "Response was lukewarm... I really was determined to showcase an ability I have."

The video garnered a lot of laughs. "I'm happy with the results," said Langlois.

The other contenders for the title and crown were Alex Baker, Mr. 2014; Mitchell Benedetti, Mr. 2016; Domenico Cerasani, Mr. 2017; Brian Hungerford, Mr. Commuter; Al

Fava, Mr. Courtney; Nick Smarra, Mr. Davis; Nick Raines, Mr. Dickinson; Brian Farrell, Mr. Lammers; Cleston Flemming, Mr. New Hall; and Chas Hodgdon, Mr. University Hall.

The event, which was started three years ago by the class of 2014, was hosted by that class with the assistance of the class of 2015. The junior class will be taking it over next year. Taylor Fote, Student Government president and treasurer of the class of 2014, and Steve Kligerman, Student Government vice president of programming, hosted the event.

It drew a crowd of over 400 students, parents, and members of the

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## News from other schools

### *The Daily Collegian,*

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An increased demand for student housing in the UMass Commonwealth Honors College Residential Community has left "around 300 students" on a waiting list for housing, a current CHCRC resident reported.

### *The Harvard Crimson,*

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Pluto Mail, a free service created by two Law School students, allows users to unsend, edit, and auto-expire emails after pressing send.

### *The Daily Campus,*

UNIV. OF CONNECTICUT

Students take to the streets after men's Elite Eight win against Michigan State and one student was arrested on Fairfield Way.

### *The Daily Orange,*

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Max Greenfield, an actor and comedian known for his role as Schmidt on Fox's "New Girl" lectures on stage to a nearly-full audience at Goldstein Auditorium. He spoke about living in your 20's and his role on "New Girl".

## *The Westfield State chapter of MASSPIRG has hefty agenda but is looking toward planning for next year*

### *Joshua Clark*

Editor-in-Chief

The Westfield State University chapter of the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group, or MASSPIRG, has had quite the agenda this past year.

Recently granted two more years by the Student Government Association, the group has done many different activities across campus.

They have been working on several campaigns, such as the Bottle Bill ballot question and fighting hunger and homelessness in Westfield.

The group helped to get the Bottle Bill question on the ballot by turning in over 2,700 signatures and lobbying in the State House in Boston.

The bill expands the bottle deposit from cans and bottles of soda and beer to include most beverage containers. The first bottle bill was passed in the Commonwealth in 1982.

To fight hunger and homelessness in the Westfield area, the group has been to the Samaritan Inn in Westfield at least three times, according to Charlotte Grahams, campus coordinator for the organization.

MASSPIRG has also hosted a bake sale in the Ely Campus Center, which raised a total of \$160. The proceeds of which went

completely to the Samaritan Inn.

They are also involved in the "No Frack Mass" campaign. The process of fracking, or fracturing of rock by a pressurized liquid, is not a viable option in Massachusetts for the procurement of natural resources, says the organization.

Jake Lehan, a geography and regional planning major, created a GIS map, which charts the Hartford Shale. The shale is not viable for fracking, according to this map.

The organization, which is funded through a nine-dollar opt-out fee on the student bill, is has big plans for next year.

They plan on registering students to not only vote, but vote yes on the Bottle Bill question. The question will be on the ballot in the November general election.

The New Voters Project will begin in September, once students have returned to campus. In the 2012 and 2013 elections, there was a higher than usual turnout at the Juniper Park poll thanks to the effort of MASSPIRG student organizers.

All of this comes at a time of great change for the organization. Grahams will be leaving on April 18, as her one-year term with the organization will be up. The new organizer will be

on campus by the first day of classes.

Grahams is hoping to be placed in a more administrative role with the organization.

Kathryn Murphy, a first-year student organizer, said that the group has a plan for publicity for next year. Starting in the first

week of classes next semester, MASSPIRG student organizers will visit as many classes as possible spreading the word about their organization and what they do.

This strategy is similar to last year, however, they

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## *Springtime is in the air*



*Junior Katie Sterpka enjoying the first days of warm weather. Other students could be found playing frisbee and football or laying out socializing and doing homework.*



## Westfield State helps battle cancer by raising over \$25,000 for its first ever Relay for Life event



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Westfield State University will be hosting its first Relay for Life event at the Woodward Center on campus beginning on Friday, April 4 at 6 p.m. and ending on Saturday, April 5 at 8 a.m. to raise money and show support for the American Cancer Society in its ongoing fight against cancer.

Relay for Life is the main volunteer-driven cancer fundraising event of the American Cancer Society. Originating in the United States, the Relay for Life event has spread to 21 countries.

Relay events are held in places such as local communities, campus universities, and military bases, and all proceeds of the events go to cancer research and towards improving the lives of those living with cancer. It is estimated that Relay for Life events have raised nearly \$5 billion to date.

The Relay for Life event at Westfield State will be a 14-hour, overnight event. Groups of people register for the event as "teams" and raise money before the event takes place. During the event, team members strive to keep walking around the track designated for them and also participate in games, raffles, live entertainment, food, and themed laps.

While Relay for Life is a time to remember those who have died from cancer, there is also a huge emphasis on celebrating survivors. Liz LaBak '14, the Survivor Chair for the Relay for Life club that is responsible for organizing this event, has a close connection to her position.

"Having worked with survivors and children with terminal illnesses for most of my life, I feel it is of the utmost importance to honor survivors and the struggle they have gone through," LaBak said. "We have personally invited any and all survivors we've met to join us for our Relay event at Westfield State University.

To honor them, there is a survivor lap during which only survivors may walk, and we are also hosting a survivor dinner during the Relay event for all the survivors we have invited."

The Relay for Life club is the group of students responsible for bringing Relay for Life to campus for the first time. With online donations only, Westfield State University's Relay for Life has already raised over \$25,000 to give to the American Cancer Society for cancer research and treatments.

Relay for Life is a new club on campus, founded by co-presidents Beth Teague '15 and Brenna Closius '15, with an executive board of

eight members, and many other members. The club has already held several events on the Westfield State campus and has been working all year to set up this week's Relay for Life event.

"Cancer affects everyone in one way or another," Teague said. "Relay for Life is a chance for us to come together as a community and fight back.

The club has been working for months to organize this Relay for Life event, and none of us could have been using our time in a better way than to help raise the money we have to help put a stop to cancer."

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.

Each year, more than four million people in over 20 countries participate in this global phenomenon and raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer.

To learn more about Relay for Life, please visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) or contact the President of the Westfield State University Relay for Life club, Beth Teague, at [bteague8678@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:bteague8678@westfield.ma.edu).

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# student government

*Vice president Marsha Marotta and Dean Andrew Bonacci visit the Student Government Association in their first meeting of April*

**Ryan Caulfield**  
SGA Correspondent

With only five weeks left in the semester and the campus getting warmer, the Student Government Association had an overall productive meeting last Tuesday. Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, first introduced Dr. Marsha Marotta, interim vice president of academic affairs, and Dr. Andrew Bonacci, interim dean of undergraduate studies, to speak to the SGA about current and future events around campus.

Marotta spoke first about the civic engagement courses and the possibility of having them as a graduation requirement. "It is not something we are necessarily pushing to have as a requirement, but we definitely want to encourage students to take civic engagement courses," Marotta said. She also said that regular community service would not be on the same level as taking a civic engagement course.

"When you are getting academic credit for civic engagement, it is at another level where you are working with your classes," Marotta said. She asked the SGA whether or not they would take a civic engagement course if they were presented with a chance to do so. A majority of hands were raised saying yes.

Steve Mailloux, representative-at-large, asked how long it would take to implement the civic engagement courses to the curriculum. Marotta said that it would have to go through the All-University Committee, Academic Pol-

icy Committee, and could go the Curriculum Committee. Marotta also stated, "If it were passed it would go into effect for the next incoming class and not affect other class levels."

Jennifer McDiarmid, parliamentarian, asked whether or not the civic engagement courses would be put into the common core or be specific to each major. Marotta said that students will be able to do both. Some core courses are civic engagement and some majors are easier than others majors to fulfill. "About half of our majors have a civic engagement course in the major," Marotta said.

Brittany Moniz, president of the class of 2014, asked if the idea of a central office for civic engagement on campus is still being considered. Marotta said it is a goal to be completed and it starts on the internet with a civic engagement website to organize the information about it. "Will we have an office with staff and so on, that might be a little further out," she said.

Marotta said, "This is a topic that I hope students and the SGA will be involved in. I think it is really important to have partners in the community and partners on campus."

Marotta then announced that the architectural drawings for the new science building near Wilson Hall would be available for viewing for the first time to students sometime in the coming weeks. The construction is said to begin in the Fall 2014 semester and open in Fall 2016 semester.

Marotta also announced that they are working on a

project called Liquid Galaxy. Liquid Galaxy is a program that runs on seven huge computer screens that are at a 270-degree arc. It will be set up in the library. It can be used with Google Earth and Google Sky, along with other programs.

"Students who take an art course can visit a museum and feel like you are walking the halls or travel to Paris and Rome," she said. She said that April 23 is the target date for it to be available for the students.

Bonacci took the podium after Marotta was finished and said the senior class registration went well. "By 7:03 a.m. 650 seniors had registered and 1,000 by the end of the day," Bonacci said.

He said next week seniors would be able to register online and request tickets for commencement from April 7 through the 11th. A second round to request tickets is set to happen after a couple of weeks, Bonacci said.

Bonacci also said that the international programs would be giving out a new booklet out to students. Repeats of popular locations such as, Ireland, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Guatemala, and some new courses in Spain, Morocco, Poland, and China will be available, he said.

The last guest speaker was Rob Schultz, senior marketing major and intern at Noble Hospital, who talked about a program he is running for the hospital. The event is called Run For a Noble Cause, which is a run in the woods at Stanley Park on April 26 at 9 a.m.

Schultz said that the

run starts well before Spring Weekend events start and encourages everyone to come and support the cause to help cancer patients live in a better environment. Schultz will be located in the dining commons from April 14 to the 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. to gather any donations for the event.

Fote reclaimed the podium after Schultz and announced that the MASSPRIG vote, which the SGA completed last week, conflicted with the bylaws of MASSPRIG and did not pass and would have to be voted on again. While the SGA members looked at each other in disappointment and disbelief, Fote chuckled and said, "April fools." The room erupted in laughter and applauded. She gave credits to Ryan Losco, president of the class of 2016, for telling her to do the prank.

The madam president went back to business and said all students should be respectful and aware of the parents and students who will be touring the campus in the weeks left in the semester.

Fote announced the constitutional review would take place at the next SGA meeting. "Eat your cheerios, because the meeting could be long."

Stone Koury, student representative to the board of trustees, announced that the Board of Higher Education is looking for a new voting student member to join them (specifically a student from a state school). He said any SGA member could ask for information about this new title. The next board meeting is April

10 at 6 p.m. in the Horace Mann Center.

Alexis Wagner, executive secretary, gave the Parking Control Board report. She said all parking decals will only be sold online and not through public safety starting this year. There are only two types of decals, resident or commuter, she said. Wagner said that students could buy them online in mid-June and then receive them by mail for the fall semester.

Josh Frank, vice president of finance, brought a proposal to the SGA. The proposal was from the Biology Club who were looking for funds to travel to the Mystic Aquarium. The club asked for funds to cover half of the mileage and a quarter half of the cost of the admission fee.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Senate reject the club's request because their fundraising account could cover the cost. Frank recommended that the SGA should not allocate the money to the club, and although most of the SGA questioned the academic value of the trip, the motion to allocate the money passed.

Those who missed the opening role call were Michael Janchuk, Gina Mannarino, Lauren Grams, Amy Macdonald, Katie Wilga, Brooke Laroche, Molly Miller, Justin Doss, and Jonathan DiLeo.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be on April 8, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.



# Spring Weekend 2014 Information and Regulations

This year **Spring Weekend** will take place on campus Friday-Sunday, April 25-27. The Westfield State University Campus Activities Board will be presenting a concert and other activities primarily for the benefit of students and their guests but all members of the University community are welcome to attend at no cost except for the Saturday concert in the Woodward Center (a \$10.00 concert ticket may be purchased on-line through MeerKat Technology, Inc. A link will be provided through a separate email.) and where food and beverage charges are appropriate.

## Event Attendance

Spring Weekend events are solely intended for members of the University community and their invited guests; therefore, Spring Weekend events are not open to the public. Furthermore, while there is no charge for admission to events with the exception of meals and the concert on Saturday, April 26 at the Woodward Center, attendance at all indoor and outdoor venues will be monitored and controlled to ensure safety and order. University faculty/staff and student attendees are expected to present a valid Westfield State University ID upon request of officials. New or replacement University ID's and validation stickers are available in advance of the weekend at the Campus Card Office (Wilson Hall, Room 140B) during posted business hours but will not be available during the weekend.

## Guests

Students are welcome to have one non-Westfield State University Spring Weekend guest who is registered in advance. Guest registration takes place from Monday, April 7 – Wednesday, April 23 at the Ely Campus Center Service Window during posted business hours.

Student hosts must register their guest in advance in order to receive an authorized Spring Weekend guest wristband. There is a \$15.00 non-refundable registration fee for all Spring Weekend guests.

Only guests of resident students will be allowed in the Residence Halls during Spring Weekend.

A limited number of guest

packets will be available for each residence hall and sold at the Campus Center Service Window on a first come, first served basis – Apartment Complex 40, Courtney, 40, Davis 30, Dickinson 30, Lammers 30, Lansdowne 20, New Hall 40, Scanlon 30, University Hall 40. Hosts are expected to escort their guests while on campus and to take responsibility for their guest's behavior. Unescorted guests may be asked by University officials to leave campus and to not return for the duration of Spring Weekend.

## Concert Tickets

Tickets for the Spring Weekend Concert on Saturday, April 26 will be \$10.00 per ticket for students and \$10.00 per ticket for a registered Spring Weekend guest (if applicable). Tickets will go on sale on Monday, April 7 at 8:00 a.m. through MeerKat Technology. Students will receive the link through a separate email sent to your Westfield State University email account. Students may purchase up to two tickets. You will receive a ticket confirmation from MeerKat. A printed confirmation must be brought to the Campus Center Service Window during posted business hours to redeem your concert ticket/tickets. You must have a concert ticket to attend the concert on Saturday, April 26. All other Spring Weekend activities are free to Westfield State University students.

## Legal Beverages

Alcoholic beverage containers including but not limited to individual containers, kegs and coolers are prohibited in public areas of the campus including all buildings, grounds, parking lots, walkways, courtyards, and roadways.

Alcoholic beverages shall not be transported to or from any program area on campus.

Open containers, bags and carrying items are subject to inspection upon entrance to all events and/or residence halls.

## Meals

### Friday, April 25

Dinner – Full Salad Bar, Entree: Chicken Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Peppers/Onions, Grill Area: Texas Toast Grilled

Cheese, Corn Dogs, Cheeseburgers, Grilled Chicken, Fries, Deli: Popcorn Chicken, Bacon for sandwiches, Pizza: Buffalo Chicken Pizza, Cheese Pizza, Mac and Cheese Pizza, Bruschetta Flatbread, Specialty: Fried Ravioli, Mac N Cheese Bites, Chunk Chicken Tenders, Island: Meatball Subs, Desserts: Cheesecake, Dirt Cups, Sundae Bar including Hot Fudge, Carmel, Cherries, Sprinkles, Nuts, Whipped Topping, Tie Dye Cupcakes

Late Night Pancakes – Pancakes with Syrup, Toppings and Juice

### Saturday, April 26

Brunch – Regular brunch service in the Dining Commons

Barbecue Dinner – Hamburgers, Boneless Barbecue Chicken, Veggie Burgers, Pasta Salad, Tossed Salad, Sliced Watermelon, Oranges and Bananas, Brownies, Cookies and Beverages

Guest Swipes will be allowed for students and for a registered Spring Weekend guest for Dinner on Friday, April 25 as well as Brunch and the Barbecue on Saturday, April 26.

Students not on a meal plan and all Spring Weekend guests also have the option to purchase meals at the Dining Commons for dinner on Friday, April 25 as well as brunch and the Barbecue on Saturday, April 26.

## Motor Vehicles

The following special regulations are in effect relative to motor vehicles:

Guest vehicles may occupy faculty/staff or visitor parking spaces, however, student vehicle use of faculty/staff or visitor parking space is prohibited at all times.

Overnight occupancy in motor vehicles is prohibited on campus.

## Residence Halls

These policies are in effect from 12 p.m. on Friday, April 25 to 12 p.m. on Sunday, April 27:

Only current Westfield State University students and registered Spring Weekend guests may visit residence halls on campus during this time period.

Residents are expected to present their validated Westfield State University ID when entering a residence

hall.

Guests of residents on campus April 25-27 must be at least 18 years of age and must be signed-in by a resident of the residence hall to enter that hall.

Guests are required to present a valid U.S. state-issued photo identification (or valid motor vehicle operator's license) and an authorized and properly affixed guest wristband.

All bags, carrying items and open containers are subject to inspection upon entrance to all residence halls.

## Woodward Center Concert

Students and registered guests attending the Saturday concert at the Woodward Center are directed to park at the Commuter Parking Lot.

A valid Westfield State University ID or Spring Weekend guest wristband and a purchased concert ticket are required to enter the concert area at the Woodward Center. A concert ticket may be purchased for \$10.00 on-line from

Monday, April 7 – Wednesday, April 23 through MeerKat Technology, Inc. A limited number of concert tickets will be available and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Ticket sales are final – no refunds will be issued.

Individuals attending the Saturday concert at the Woodward Center must enter and exit the facility using only the main front or rear entrances. Side exits at the Field House are for emergency use only.

Food, beverages, beverage containers and any type of purse/backpacks are not permitted inside the Saturday concert area at the Woodward Center.

Westfield State University students and Spring Weekend registered guests entering the concert area may be subject to search procedures that may include wand and searches.

No weapons of any kind will be allowed into the concert area (i.e., pocket knives and box cutters).

## Corrections and Clarifications

### March 21, 2014 (Issue XIX)

The headline to the article on page 21 entitled, "MTG preparing for Fiddler on the Roof," is incorrect. The Musical Theatre Guild, a Student Government Association group, does not have a role in the production of this play. It is being put together entirely by the Music Department. This is due to the editorial staff's apparent inability to keep the on-campus theatre groups in proper order.

The name of the technical director at Dever Stage is misspelled in that same article. Instead of Ernie "Lannaconne," it is supposed to be "Iannaccone." This was an editorial oversight.

Al Fava is left out of the list of contestants for Mr. Westfield 2014. He is representing Courtney Hall in the competition. This was due to an editorial oversight once again.

The name of a radio show, which has aired on WSKB for many years, was misspelled. "Hip Hop Hooradio" should have said, "Hip Hip Hooradio."

### March 28, 2014 (Issue XX)

The exact vote counts for the two motions regarding MASSPIRG at the March 25 meeting of the Student Government Association were misstated. The first motion (sending MASSPIRG question to general election ballot) had the following votes: 3 yes, 52 no. The second motion (continuing support for MASSPIRG) had the following votes: 42 yes, 13 no.

If you find any mistakes or errors in The Westfield Voice, please forward them to Matthew Carlin, assistant managing editor and corrections editor, by email at mcarlin6141@westfield.ma.edu.

## From 'The Voice' Vault

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assembled by Matthew Carlin, assistant managing editor

## Christ Back In S.G.A.

Bill Fischer  
STAFF REPORTER

Ted Christ was reinstated as S.G.A. President at last Tuesday's Student Government Association meeting. At the December 14, 1993 meeting Christ asked the Senate to accept his resignation because he felt the legislature was not spending enough time discussing proposals before voting on them. S.G.A. voted to reject Christ's resignation and asked him to reconsider his decision over the semester break.

Christ decided that he would return. During Tuesday's meeting S.G.A. V.P. of Programming Yvette Edwards moved that Christ's resignation be stricken from the minutes of the December 14 meeting. Student Senator Amy Corcoran asked what Robert's Rules of Order (the rules the Senate operates by) states about the process of

deleting sections of the minutes from a meeting.

S.G.A. Parliamentarian Dave Gallagher replied that, quoting directly from Robert's Rules, "The minutes should be neatly written with ink in the record book ... so as to be read by the society for corrections and approval. After approval, however, it is in order ... to further correct them regardless of the time which was elapsed and the number of times they were corrected."

"If we do move to delete this from the minutes," Corcoran then asked, "what exactly does that mean?" Gallagher explained that if the motion was accepted, Christ's resignation would be completely stricken from the minutes.

Commuter Council President Todd Dorman asked whether or not striking the resignation from the minutes meant that it did



President Ted Christ performs his duties at a Senate meeting. (Photo by Scott Neilson)

not officially happen.

Student Trustee Dan Szenda said that, "... it wouldn't be in the record. It will be eliminated from the minutes."

Christ then said that, "I don't necessarily regret what I said except for the fact that I resigned ... I know you are

questioning if this is a legitimate thing to do. It definitely isn't. We (the Executive Council) looked around for other ways to do it and there are none. This is ... a vote to see if you still want me as your President. It's worth trading off for legitimacy."

Dorman suggested that

the S.G.A. Constitution offers a legitimate solution for the problem. Specifically, he said, allow Steve Dailey, acting President, to appoint, along with the Executive Board's consent, a president of the Executive Council, subject to the approval of the

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rest of S.G.A.

Gallagher asserted, however, that it would be improper for the acting President to appoint a President and that the motion which was being considered was already completely legitimate and therefore another solution was not needed. Dorman retorted that "By taking it out of the minutes, you are saying that it never happened, and it did."

Former S.G.A. Vice President for Student Life Todd Audyatis, who was present at the meeting, pointed out that the minutes for the January 25 would show that the resignation was struck from the record and therefore there would be some type of record of the incident.

Student Senator Lori Potter said that she had, "a real problem pretending that this thing did not happen," and that, "from talking with other Senators, many of us were upset and angered by the resignation." She then said that she would "... like to talk about the fact that it did happen and the reason why it did."

"The reason I resigned," Christ said, "was that I was upset that we were willing to pass a proposal that I didn't feel people understood what it was about. I was upset that an organization I was standing for would pass it by without investigating it fur-

ther. I just didn't feel that other people, besides myself, were taking this proposal seriously. Therefore, I resigned. It wasn't the right thing to do, which is why I am back."

After more discussion of the issue, the Senate passed the motion and Christ resumed his seat as S.G.A. President.

Last Tuesday, October 26, the Student Government Association reversed its decision of two weeks ago not to give WSKB an addition \$302.08 for a trip to a music convention in New York City. The motion, made by senator's Kevin Cross and Chris Sault, passed by nearly as narrow a margin as the motion two weeks prior.

The senators said they decided to make the motion after Treasurer Jen Salmon stated that S.G.A. had approximately \$9,000 left over from last year's budget. The money was subsequently placed in the account for clubs.

"We've got \$9,000 extra, I think we can afford to give them \$300," said Cross. After a brief debate, Senate voted on the motion. It passed 34-27.

"I'm very glad some senators

saw things our way," said Steve Jewell, General Manager of WSKB. "I hope Senate doesn't think it's a waste of money," he added.

During discussion of the motion, some senators mentioned that the decision should not be reversed because the motion had already been denied.

"I was surprised that the legislature decided to reverse the original decision," said Ted Christ, S.G.A. president. "Although I don't agree that the legislature should contradict the suggestion of the Finance Committee, it is the legislature's right to do it and I recognize it is part of the process."

Christ also echoed a point one senator raised about WSKB not conducting a fundraiser for this event instead of simply asking

Senate for money.

"As all clubs are supposed to so ... fundraising should and must be done in order to use student monies to finance trips," Christ said. "The S.G.A. allocates approximately \$20,000 a year to clubs, WSKB was given an in proportionate amount of that, what would be about 1/4. I don't think that was something that was considered."

Jewell commented that the normal fundraiser they do for the convention fell through this year, and the station only learned of this in September.

"We've only had a month and a half," Jewell explained. "We're trying to make the radio station the best we can with what we have. This money will help us more than they can realize."

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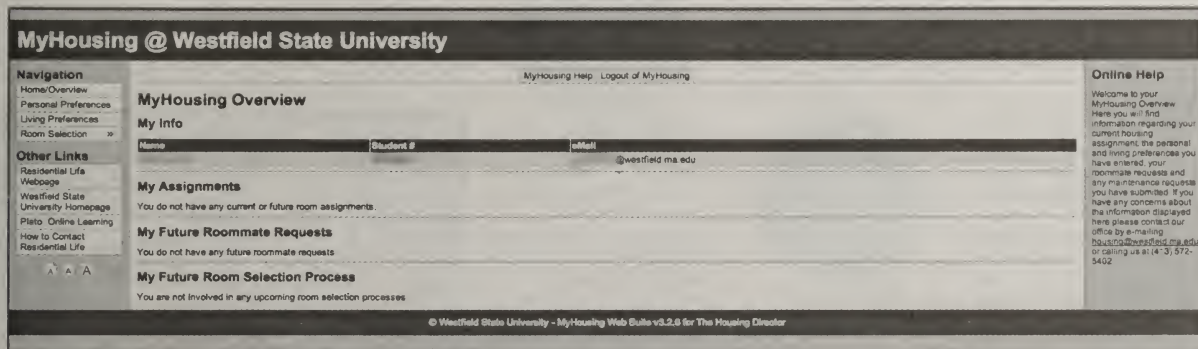
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## SGA Approves WSKB Cash for Trip



# Online Housing Changes

*New online housing sign-up process poses problems for students campus-wide as they try to make living arrangements*



**Felix Cruz**  
Voice Contributor

"I did not get my first choice!" has been roaring in the residential halls by students the past week because of the housing selection process for the 2014 Fall Semester. The MyHousing selection process has now been moved to the World Wide Web and it has been the talk of the campus ever since it was announced.

"No matter what we do, every process, every year, is going to have criticism," said Joshua Hettrick, assistant director of housing during our interview. "There is no way to make 2,000 people happy about the housing they are going to get every single year." There is a variety of housing options for students, from apartment and suite style housing to tradition-

al style housing. Three of the residential halls are all first-year student residence halls. The rest of the traditional style housing is taken up by sophomores, juniors, and even some first-year students. While the apartment and suite style housing are typically only available to by sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

The new MyHousing selection process is completely different than how it was a year ago. Before the new upgrade, students were given a lottery number that determined their chances of receiving their first choice for housing.

Now, the students receive a time in which they are allowed to log into MyHousing and pick the residential hall they would like to live in. "My opinion is that as scary as it seemed, it took me and my roommates a total of 48 seconds

to select our housing, assign girls to rooms, and click submit. If you had a plan ahead of time then I think it was a lot easier for students," said Rebecca DiVico, the vice president of student life and member of the Student Government Association.

"As someone who sits on the housing committee and who had seen the whole process at the Student Government Association meeting, it was smooth sailing for me. There were plenty of resources such as info sessions, the housing committee sitting in the dining commons all of last week, the housing checklist that I helped develop, and just asking questions to residential life or myself so I hope that students did not struggle with it," said DiVico. According to Joshua Hettrick, students will be benefiting from this new

MyHousing revolution. Everything has evolved onto the web and it only made sense that this would be happening sometime in the near future. "Moving away from this would not make any sense. It is just too much easier for our students," stated Hettrick.

Students may benefit from this but that does not eliminate the fact that this is a brand new process to all of the current students and it is only natural for it to be anxiety ridden. Rebecca DiVico shared her first reaction to the new MyHousing selection process to me and I can say that almost every student has had the same response, "I won't lie, I wasn't 100% on board when it was first introduced, and probably not even 50% on board. I was really afraid that students wouldn't understand."

When the new hous-

ing process was first introduced, a lot of students, including myself, had mixed feelings about it because we did not understand it. "Once you understand how the process actually works, you realize how much better this process is compared to the previous housing process," said Julissa Pabon, residential assistant in Courtney hall. She then went on to explain, "You get to see what housing options are available in real-time and if you do not get the apartment or suite you wanted you do not have to go back to residential life to fill out another roster and try again for a different choice like before. This online process does a lot for us that the students have not realized yet." All in all, I can say that after experiencing the new MyHousing selection process, it is not as bad as everyone thinks.

# opinions & editorials

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2014

RACE RUGH, EDITOR

## The Conservative View

### Obamacare: ... I Mean... Really?!

The title says it all after this past week. President Barack Obama decided he was finally going to do something for the "people" when he essentially allowed nearly all of America to apply for Obamacare by the middle of April, by checking off a box on the application saying along the lines of "I was unable to get on the website by March 31st..."

Well I never thought I would see the day when a republican decided to help out individuals rather than corporations... oh my, this is awkward, it would seem that this Nobel Peace Prize recipient is being targeted with the same sort of attacks that his predecessor was faced with. Favoring the rich and incorporated over the poor and middle classes. Brace yourselves, the "It was Bush's fault"(s) are coming.

President Obama, who before the employer mandates even drew close has decided he would push back their dates by years at a time, took until nearly the day before the individual mandate to give citizens a few extra weeks to get on a website that "was made by the designer of Zune" (in case you are not on Facebook, that is what Zach Galifianakis said to President Obama on his show "Between Two Ferns").

Obama is trying a new tactic. The White House has become the newest (as



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of my last check of users) BuzzFeed member and has posted seven gifs of Uncle Joe (Biden) with his hilarious mess-ups, with the last gif being his I.B.F.D = it's a big f\*\*\*ing deal.

I mean I am always open to the government finding new ways to reach out to us "common folk," but let's be real here. President Obama, Mr. "I'm for the 99%", seems to be backtracking on yet another promise he made to the American people by pushing back mandates for businesses to get insurance for their employees and even now ANOTHER issue has risen from contraceptive coverage on private businesses.

For god sake's the amount of issues in this act is just enough for me to be done with it. Even democrats are jumping ship calling for the president to stop his "pick and choosing" of enforcing his bill.

While Obamacare is continuously being put off and with the lack of participation coming from young-

er members of society, President Obama is pulling every move to get his estimated seven million done by the end of April to now the end of the year.

However, it was sad to say that the individual mandate that comes with a fee for the failure to sign up before the deadline will still take effect before anything mandate for business owners.

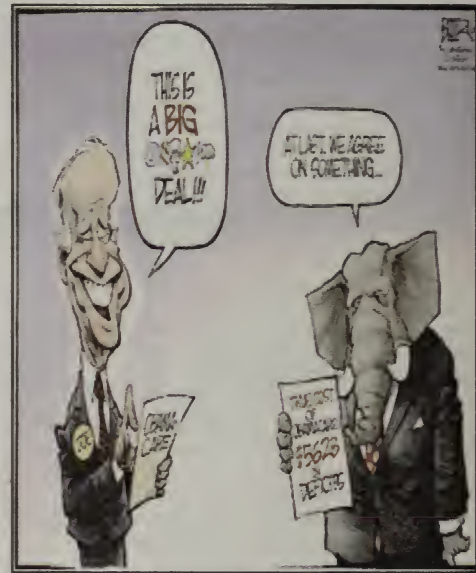
The Obama administration has released that apparently 7.1 million have signed up for Obamacare in a surge on March 31st, and with it he estimates even more will sign up as the weeks progress.

However let me be clear on a few items he addressed in his speech on Tuesday.

Premiums have risen the slowest ever yes, only because the premiums themselves were raised universally to points never before seen with an average of hundreds of dollars added to middle class family plans, so yes Mr. President premiums have risen slowly only because even insurance companies know after they were surged it would take a real jerk to raise them any higher.

Secondly, I would like to ask the Obama administration to release the details of the 7.1 million who have signed up, since in fact it could be 7.1 million people who do actually pay enough to feed the system.

In the end the question



President Obama and Vice President Uncle Joe made a statement over the week regarding the last minute surge to push Obamacare registration over 7.1 million people, but do the numbers matter?

comes down to: How many of us actually signed up for Obamacare this week? What I would like to leave for you today is a simple question. I encourage you to email responses to The Westfield Voice.

Is Obamacare the dream democrats portrayed it to be a few years ago? Does it need work? Can Obama continue to illegally manipulate the law in his favor?

Ignore the fact I am the

conservative columnist and a republican, but as a concerned citizen is this what we want from our leaders? Can our money, lives, and opinions be completely tossed aside with little to no regard?

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## From the Editor's Desk

# The Commencement issue has a simple resolution, and it comes down to logistics, cost, and efficiency; convincing the campus? Not simple

Commencement. It is the goal that we are all looking to achieve by the end of our time at this university.

It is also the source of controversy amongst the students, faculty, and staff on this campus. For years, the ceremony was held on the campus green under a tent.

Thousands of people would descend on the campus and struggle to get a proper line of sight on the stage, all while causing the graduates to trip over people on their way to the stage. It was problematic.

In 2012, Commencement was moved to the MassMutual Center. This option, while more efficient than the campus green, lacked the attachment that having the ceremony in Westfield brought.

However, it also lacked all of the logistical problems that came with having the event in Westfield. Attendees could see the stage, parents could take photos with their student-graduates after the ceremony, and since the venue was larger, more people could attend.

According to figures from the office of Academic Affairs, the MassMutual Center is cheaper than the campus green. The stage is already set up for a commencement ceremony, as May is a common time for such events.

Traffic and construction was a consideration in the move as well. Western Avenue is busy with cars at 3 p.m. on an ordinary weekday, never mind if you have thousands of cars coming to campus at once.

In the April 13, 2012 issue of The Westfield Voice, I wrote an article on the 2012 ceremony being moved to the MassMutual Center for the front page.

In that article, I wrote, "The main reason the ceremony has been moved away from its traditional campus location was the impending construction of University Hall that has begun."

While University Hall has

been completed, we are going to be breaking ground on the new science annex and other campus projects that need to utilize the already-strapped parking lots.

The MassMutual Center provides easy access to highways and parking garages, as I also highlighted in that article.

The logistics and cost of having Commencement on campus are far more difficult when compared to the MassMutual Center.

To the day of the week issue, Friday in my eyes is the more viable option.

Saturday is the traditional day for Commencement, but it proves to be a rushed affair for the staff putting the event on.

On the Friday, university and MassMutual Center staff have the day to set up and make sure that the kinks have been worked out. Saturday, they have a shorter amount of time because there have been other universities that hold their ceremonies on that day.

Fridays are also easier to reserve than Saturdays, thus the planning of the event can be geared more toward the event itself rather than the timing and location. Over the past few years, there have been last minute changes to the academic calendar, which have been pushed hastily through governance, with the final decision being laid in the lap of the president.

The campus is abuzz with the discussion on campus vs. MassMutual Center or Friday vs. Saturday for Commencement. To be honest, if the experience of Commencement on the campus green were the same as at the



**Joshua Clark**  
Editor-in-Chief

MassMutual Center, I would love to get my diploma jacket here at Westfield State. I spent my four years here, so I should participate in the most important ceremony of my academic career thus far here.

But as it stands, there is a logistic mountain that needs to be overcome in or-

der to make that happen in a more economic and efficient way.

The All-University Committee, of which I am a member, is hosting an open information session on April 9 at 4:30 p.m. in the Loughman Living Room in Scanlon Hall.

There will be a presentation that will be put together by Laurie Simpson, director of academic advising. She has been the AUC liaison to the Commencement Committee.

There has also been a sub-

committee that has been dealing with the issue of Commencement. There has been a lot of time and effort dedicated to the issue of location as well as day of the week of the ceremony.

I encourage all members of the campus community to turn out to this information session. There will be an opportunity to talk with members of the All-University Committee and members of the administration so that they can go back and make an informed decision.

While I know that there are strong attachments to Commencement being held on campus, being informed on all of the information regarding the ceremony is important.

Throwing out traditions and forming new ones is not easy, but it can be a rewarding experience if everyone is on board.

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the date!

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## Gentlemen's Weekly

# Rediscovering the Barbershop

For the past few months, I've been having my hair trimmed at a local chain barbershop that I won't name (the Cost of the Cutters is ridiculous). Every time I went, I walked away with a terrible trim done. On top of that, I always felt out of place. The place reeked of perm chemicals and mousse. Most of the clients were usually women and a woman was cutting my hair. I'd just go in, sit there silently while the person cut my hair, and leave. I don't know why I stopped going to a barbershop. Growing up,

I went to a barbershop right in the middle of my hometown, a small place run by an ex-Marine called simply "Chippys." I remember being fascinated with all the barber stuff. What I remember most though, was the distinct atmosphere. Even as a young child, I could sense that a barbershop was a cool hang out for men. Years later, I'm rediscovering the bar-

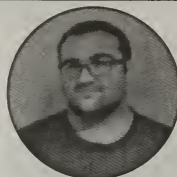
bershop. You should too.

The period from the 1880's to the 1940's was the Golden Age of the barbershop. During this time, men socialized in all male hangouts, and barbershops rivaled saloons in popularity. Visiting one was a weekly, sometimes daily habit. Men would not only stop in for a shave and a haircut, but also to fraternize with friends and chew the fat.

During this golden age, barbershops were classy places with often stunning surroundings. Marble counters lined with colorful glass tonic bottles.

The barber chairs were elaborately carved from oak and walnut, and fitted with fine leather upholstery. Everything in there, from the shaving mugs to the signs, was rendered with artistic flourishes. Some shops even had crystal chandeliers hanging from fresco painted ceilings.

Despite this level of luxury, barbershops



**Joshua Minardi**  
Social Media Coordinator

were homey and inviting. A memorable aroma of cherry, wintergreen, and tobacco smoke mixed with the scent of hair tonics, pomades, oils, and neck powders. These aromas became ingrained in the wood and every cranny of the shop. The moment a man stepped inside, he was immediately able to relax, and as soon as the hot lather hit his face, his cares would simply melt away.

Unfortunately, beginning in 1904, the decline of the barbershop began. This is due in part because Gillette began mass marketing the safety razor. Having used these during the First World War, the returning vets traded in the straight razors and the trips to the barbershop for these safety razors. Going to the barbershop became a special occasion instead of a regular habit.

In the subsequent decades, several other factors combined to weaken the place of the barbershop. Companies like Sears began selling at-home hair-cutting kits, and mothers began cutting the family's hair.

Then the Great Depression hit, and people cut back on the frivolous spending, and WWII and the Korean War led to a large drop of male clientele. Finally in the 60's, Beatlemania and the

hippie culture led to a shift in hairstyles. By the time that short hair came into style into the 1980's, barbershops had largely disappeared. Now chain unisex salons dominate the market, places that are neither hair salons nor barbershops. Now you may be thinking, "What is the difference between a salon cutting my hair and a barber cutting it?" Allow me to explain.

A barber knows how to cut a man's hair. The issue is that most people who work at salons are not barbers. They're cosmetologists. The difference between the two can spell the difference between a dopey-looking haircut and a great one.

A barber is trained to cut with clippers, the main tool in cutting a man's hair. Cosmetologists, on the other hand, are trained to use scissors. Their training is also geared towards catering to women's hair. They become experts in styling, coloring, and perming-things that a man has no need for. That's why when you ask the cute stylist at the aforementioned, unnamed, unisex salon to use the number on the clippers; you walk away with a bad haircut. She's probably not well versed in how to use them. But a barber can employ the clippers with finesse.

In addition, it is a great place to chew the fat with other men. When I would go to the hair stylist, I hardly ever talked to the woman who cut my hair. I'd chat about my family and theirs and that's about it. The woman who cut my hair usually ended up chatting it with the other women in the salon, and I just sat there awkwardly.

Barbers, on the other hand, are interesting guys with stories to tell. I've met traveling jazz musicians, retired diplomats, even guys who used to work in the diamond business in Africa (he had some very interesting stories). Each one of them fascinated me, and continues to do so today. And I, in turn, can feel free to say what's on my mind. We would talk about politics, cars, sports, and family. Guys would be sitting in the corner, commenting on an article in the paper or on current and local events. In between banter there would be jokes aplenty and laughs all around. And everyone is involved.

All in all, there is just a feeling of manliness of a bygone era that accompanies a trip to the barbershop. Every time I go to "Chippys," I feel manlier. I don't know what it is. Perhaps it is the combination of the smell of hair tonics and the all-man atmosphere. But more so, it's the awareness of the tradition of barbershops. Barbershops are places of continuity; they don't change with the shifts in culture.

The places and barbers look the same as they did when your father got his hair cut, and his father before him. It's a straightforward experience with none of the foofoo accouterments of the modern age. There are no waxings, facials, highlights, or appointments. Just a great haircut and great conversation. When you walk out of a barbershop, you just can't help but feel a bit of manly swagger creep into your step. So next time you spot that familiar red and white striped pole, stop in. You'll be glad you did.



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The Seventh Side: Your Weekly Dose of Satire

# Thoughts on the MASSPIRG renewal

Dear inefficient political activists and those who are opposed to them,

Recently the organization (or Norwegian crime syndicate, I can never remember) known as MASSPIRG has been in the campus news lately.

According to what was printed in the cover story of this very paper last week (which I consider a reliable enough source), 86% of the money students give to the organization goes to its staff, and that staff does things. They most certainly do things that the campus should know about, and stuff. I remember a few things about MASSPIRG myself.

The first being that it stands up to the special interest groups and

their agendas by having interests and petitioning people, calling legislators, and lobbying the government in order to get benefits for its general supporters.

I also remember a few years ago being impressed by how much printing they got done to get us to vote yes on MASSPIRG years ago, and while those printing costs would have been several hundred dollars total (whether subsidized by the university or not, I don't know); I'm sure that is justified.

As someone who tries to be non-partisan yet still political myself, I can respect non-commitment.

On the main MASSPIRG website they talk about a dozen or so issues that are important to them, and some

## Sind T. Zelony Not an A&E Editor

other things. They are in favor of some legislation, but what do they do? As an uninformed member of this community, I just can't be sure.

Give them enough support, and they might be well off enough to send out an extra petition around our campus.

Other things they may do are cite more polls and statistics about how people support their causes such as petitions and the calling of legislators in the state. Strong stuff, I know.

Some people are calling for the fee to be removed from the student bill, or to be opt-in instead of opt-out.

Others are fond of the... whatever is done

that MASSPIRG does, and how it helps to bring to attention the issues that it does.

I sympathize with both, and therefore I have a compromise that might be in order.

How about the opt-out is done separately? A letter is sent out a few days after the bill, saying that a \$9.00 fee will be charged to whatever account is being used to pay the bill, unless one opts out of the letter.

It makes the bill simpler and there is absolutely no difference practically in what is being done whatsoever.

Maybe next time when we have all completely forgotten about this piece, the proposal can be considered.

From what I understand, however, MASSPIRG is here to

stay. Therefore, I must conclude that you should keep giving MASSPIRG your money, because they are so good at getting your money (the statewide organization doesn't even allow an opt-in option) that they deserve it.

Think about it, if they are willing to use such tactics to get their funding, then just what are they willing to do to accomplish their goals (whatever those are)? I don't know, but the House of Cards fan in me wants to find out.

With insincerity (which you can opt out of if you don't want it),

Sind T. Zelony.

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1. Pharrell Williams - Happy
2. John Legend-All of Me
3. Katy Perry-Dark Horse
4. Jason Derulo ft 2 Chainz - Talk Dirty
5. Idina Menzel-Let It Go
6. Bastille-Pompeii
7. Lorde-Team
8. OneRepublic-Counting Stars
9. Aloe Blacc-The Man
10. Beyonce ft.Jay Z-Drunk In Love

**Top 5 Albums**

1. Frozen Movie Soundtrack
2. YG- My Krazy Life
- 3.Foster The People-Supermodel
4. Skrillex-Recess
5. The Pretty Reckless

**Top 5 Movies**

1. Noah
2. Divergent
3. Muppets Most Wanted
4. Mr. Peabody & Sherman
5. God's Not Dead

**Upcoming DVDs**

1. The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug
2. Justin Bieber's Believe
3. Philomena
4. The Invisible Woman
5. Copperhead

## Seafood-The Heart and Soul of New England Cooking

**Ryan Cashman**  
Voice Columnist

As per the request of a certain professor who shall remain nameless, this week's edition centers on my favorite food: seafood! The shores of New England have always been filled to the brim with a vast amount of edible sea life. Upon the arrival of the first settlers, there was such an abundance of lobster lining the shore that they were used to feed prison inmates. Today, a one-pound lobster costs an average of fourteen dollars.

Many of New England's most famous cities, such as Boston, Portland, and Providence, began as fishing settlements. Over time, with the growth of population and the seafood market, small fishing villages soon became bustling meccas of trade and business. However, I believe the impact of the sea on the cuisine of New England is its greatest accomplishment. Were it not for the sea and Yankee ingenuity, the world would not be graced with Lobster Rolls, Clam Chowder, Fried Clams, and the all-too-wonderful New England Clam Bake.

Growing up, seafood was never far from our dinner table. My parents are great lovers of the sea and its bounty. They both spent a great portion of the late 80s and early 90s sailing and scuba diving off the coast of New England. Memories of time spent on the ocean are some of

their fondest. So, being raised around seafood was inevitable. During summertime we made several trips down to Cape Cod, swimming and eating our way down that wonderful stretch of land. One of my earliest memories involves poking dead jellyfish with a stick and catching small crabs along the coast of East Sandwich. Many a warm summer night were spent out by the beach, feasting on steamers and grilled cod. According to my parents, I was an unusual child in that I would reach for a steamed clam or a piece of fish instead of chicken tenders.

In the summer of 2012, we were vacationing on Morris Island in Chatham. We rented a beautiful house for the week, which was perched on a hill overlooking the ocean. A set of stairs led down the hill and to the beach. One day, when we were all down in the water wading at low tide, my little brother was running up and down the shore line catching crabs. At one point, I stepped on what felt like a very large rock.

Curiously, I lifted the object out of the water only to be met with a Quahog Clam larger than my hand. For the next hour, I walked around in the shallows catching Quahogs with my feet. It soon became a contest between my brother, my dad, and me. The final count: me- 30; dad- 20; brother- 15. We were very lucky that a patrol boat

didn't come by and ask for our clamming license, seeing as we didn't have one. Nevertheless, we brought the clams back up to the house, cleaned them, and proceeded to make perhaps the best homemade clam chowder. We owed it all to the freshness of those wonderful clams.

The heart and soul of a region can often be found in the cuisine. For New England, it is in the seafood. Generation upon generation of hearty New Englanders living their entire lives on the coast and braving the rough seas are quintessential aspects to the New England spirit. Yes, this region is known for its scenic beauty, historical towns, and educational systems.

However, it is the people of New England which truly make this region great. The indomitable spirit of America is still found here through the farmers, fishermen and workers who all work to live and create a good life. It is found in the fisherman who wakes up early and is out on the rough seas for days and who may return with nothing, but comes home smiling.

Food has more depth to it than just eating. Food is about family, work, life, hardship, and love. Everything goes into making a meal, especially when you are living a life of uncertainty like the fishermen of the past. Nothing is wasted and everything is special. As New Englanders, we

should all be proud of our gastronomical history because without it, the very identity of New England would be drastically different.

Enjoy this recipe for Mussels and Shrimp with Linguine.

Bunao Tavola and Mangiare Bene!

**MUSSELS AND SHRIMP WITH LINGUINE**

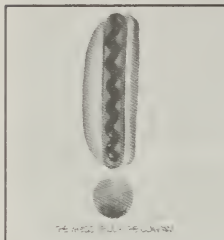
Ingredients:

- 2lb mussels, scrubbed
- 2lb shrimp, shelled and de-veined
- 2 clove garlic, crushed and sliced thin
- 1 chili pepper, sliced
- Fresh parsley, chopped
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- Olive Oil
- White Wine
- 1-2 boxes dried linguine pasta

Instructions:

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil and throw in the linguine. Cook until al dente.
2. Heat olive oil in a medium pan.
3. Add garlic and chili pepper, sautéing until the garlic is soft.
4. Add mussels and a splash of white wine. Cook until mussels have opened.
5. Once the mussels have opened, add the shrimp. This will cook quickly.
6. Drain the pasta and combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Mix well.

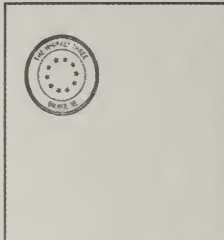
## Lyndon's Album Reviews

*The Well Pennies present a nice assortment of country songs*

**Lyndon Seitz**  
A&E Editor

**The Whigs: Enjoy The Company** – The easiest term I can think of for this album is “cookie-cutter.” There wasn’t any song on this standard rock album that moved me emotionally for a second. It was just me sitting down feeling my own heartbeat while this music just existed alongside me. I’ll say it was an exercise in averageness taken to the extreme.

I don’t want to say it’s terrible, but I will say that this album is for the most part forgettable, which is perhaps worse. I can’t see



any reason to recommend it to anyone.

**The Whipkey Three: The Whipkey Three** – This album goes a few years back, but I happened upon it and after a few tracks I wanted to see if the Elvis Costello influences went throughout the entire album. For those of you wondering, I think they did. I do also think they had a bit more of a grittier sound, which I think benefitted them.

Overall, though, I can’t say I was impressed with the music enough to recommend anyone spend their time on this. Instead go listen to (or re-listen to)



Elvis Costello.

**The Western: The Damp Times** – This rock album wore thin on me rather quickly. To me, it seemed as if it was trying to be unique like all of the other unique bands out there. The album sounds paranoid, and there’s no groove to speak of. It gets rather repetitive in many senses of the word, and the somewhat low-fi sound of the album doesn’t help things in the least. The best parts of the album are those without much focus on the vocals, and even those are merely average compared to what else is out there. I really don’t see



any reason to recommend this album.

**The Well Pennies: The Well Pennies** – This EP is a nice set of mostly country songs that are of a lighter nature. It is a nice set to listen to and the harmonies work very well with the music. I couldn’t think of one bothersome moment the music gave me. That being said, it never blew my mind, and there aren’t really any standout tracks to speak of on the album. It is all the same lighthearted fare. I would say it is worth checking out if you are looking for some music of this style.

**Wazu: Robobo** – This



was simply just weird to listen to, and not necessarily in the best of ways. I was bombarded with electronic effects that did not mesh.

The vocals on all of the songs (they vary widely) were nothing special, and the entire work seemed almost paranoid in sound, if such a thing exists. I get the feeling it is stuff like this that made Daft Punk move to a more organic sound. I know it was glad when it was over, though, and I wouldn’t recommend it to anyone unless they are looking for something more strange than pleasurable to the ears.

## Escape

Your eyes,  
light up like night stars,  
and glisten through the dark  
sky,  
I see through him,  
and beauty that lies within,  
your grace and presence,  
floods my heart with happiness,  
blood rushes through my veins,  
faster than the river flows,  
your voice echoes,

so softly and sweet,  
in the walls of my soul,  
you keep me alive,  
you keep me awake,  
my body aches,  
while my mind stays away,  
it’s all so natural and takes  
over,  
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# Supernatural Girlz Radio has paranormal answers

**Marissa Crandell**

Voice Reporter

The world of the supernatural continues to fascinate audiences worldwide. Television shows like *Long Island Medium*, *Paranormal Witness* & *Ghosthunters* continue to pull high ratings and have left networks scrambling to find more paranormal shows. Meanwhile supernatural topics are also dominating the airwaves with *Supernatural Girlz Radio*, ([www.supernaturalgirlz.com](http://www.supernaturalgirlz.com)), based in Western Mass leading the pack with a hit radio show that debuted in March 2013.

The show is hosted by Patricia Baker and Becky Andreasson, and is here to offer their professional knowledge to their listeners when it comes to the unknown. From werewolves to UFOs to haunted houses, *Supernatural Girlz* have been helping people like you better understand these spooky topics. And they're growing an audience; in March 2013, the *Girlz* hit record-breaking audience count of 35,000 listeners.

Recently, paranormal and supernatural discussions have been a popular topic here at Westfield State University. In the freshman dormitory, Davis Hall, there have been numerous reports of a supernatural being present within its walls. Supposedly, in room F12

of this dorm, a boy took his own life many years ago during Easter Break. His spirit is reported to come at nighttime, and open the closet door. The occurrences do not stop there.

Many students living in off-campus apartments have reported spirits within their homes, as well; Corrine Haskard of 11 Lincoln Street explains her story. "My roommates and I joke about a girl that haunts the house, but some of the things I've experienced make me believe that there may be a ghost in our house" she says.

Haskard explains that there have been so many occurrences where she felt that her house was haunted. She recalls a time when she was in her room and she heard someone walk into her house, talking, assuming that it was one of her roommates. "I got up to go see which roommate got home and no one was in the house and both the front and back door were still locked," says Haskard.

She explains that strange things frequently happen within her house that it is hard not to believe that it is indeed haunted. Haskard then conveys that if there is a spirit within the house, she most definitely is not interested in communicating or bothering it: "To be honest, I think that if I mess with

it, it will only get worse."

This is where Baker and Andreasson's professional work comes into play. If you have experienced anything like Haskard, the *Girlz* are here and want to help! Host Patricia Baker is an author, paranormal researcher, and expert dream analyst. Her co-host, Becky Andreasson, is the daughter of world-renowned UFO abductee, Betty Andreasson, and inheritor to this paranormal legacy. The *Supernatural Girlz* radio show discusses topics of the supernatural and listeners of the show have an opportunity to understand that paranormal is nothing but normal this day and age.

*Supernatural Girlz* radio show accepts calls to give listeners a chance to ask questions and get current knowledge of a variety of paranormal topics in an effort to increase interactivity between the radio show's

hosts and listeners worldwide. From spirits' presence showing up to join the show to UFO discussions, no topic goes unrecognized. "We have excellent guests who trust us, and a great audience that asks intelligent, well thought out questions," says Baker. The archived shows are easily accessible on [BlogTalkRadio.com](http://BlogTalkRadio.com) in case you miss it at its scheduled time, 9:00 to 11:00 p.m. EST.

Recently, more effort has been added to promote interactivity between the *Girlz* and their fans. They have created a Facebook fan page (*Supernatural Girlz*), a twitter account (@supernaturalgirlz), and a Pinterest Board (*Supernatural Girlz*) in an effort to not only increase awareness, but also their audience size when it comes to supernatural and paranormal topics. "All the social media platforms are in place to

make it easy for the audience to connect with us and our guests," states Baker.

The *Supernatural Girlz* wants people like Corinne Haskard to become comfortable with the paranormal and supernatural by listening to the radio show to convey that ghosts, haunting, etc. are more common now more than ever before. "The veil is thinner now so more people are having unusual experiences with ghosts and other things. It is more commonly found in homes, apartments, or even land where there has been some type of trauma," says Baker. So join the paranormal movement! Get your weekly fix of recent paranormal news by subscribing to their newsletter, *The Fringe Files* on [supernaturalgirlz.com](http://supernaturalgirlz.com) or tune in on Saturday nights at 9:00 p.m. Eastern on [Blogtalkradio.com](http://Blogtalkradio.com)!

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# owls athletics

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ANDREW BURKE, EDITOR

## Baseball wins in first game since March 15



Senior Mike Sullivan is 1-0 with a 3.60 ERA in the short season. He continued to be effective against Western Connecticut, pitching 8.1 innings and only registering 1 walk.

### WSU Athletic Department

**WESTFIELD, Mass.** A strong pitching performance by senior Mike Sullivan paced the Westfield State University baseball team to a 7-3 victory over Western Connecticut State University in the Owls' home opener at sunny Bud and Jim Hagan Field on Wednesday, April 2.

After being idle for 18 days since returning from Florida, Westfield boosted its record to 6-5 heading into Thursday's non-conference home game vs.

UMass Boston. Western Connecticut is 8-5.

Sullivan hurled eight and a third innings in notching his first pitching victory this season. The crafty righty only walked one (the leadoff batter in the ninth inning) and struck out five. Five of the 10 hits he allowed came in the final two innings. Senior stopper Kevin Zyrkowski recorded the final two outs for his second save this season.

Westfield took advantage of three Western Connecticut errors to score three unearned runs in the first two innings. The Owls loaded the bases in the first inning on two errors and a hit batter, then scored a run when Danny DiMatteo grounded into a double play.

Westfield scored two

runs in the second inning. Connor Sheridan reached safely on a throwing error, stole second and scored on Kyle Colesanti's single to center field. Jeremy Tanguay reached on a fielder's choice, advanced to second on a wild pitch and scored on Dan McCormack's single to center field.

The Owls scored a run in the sixth on a failed pick-off attempt with runners and first and third to take a 4-0 lead. Western Connecticut scored its first run on a seventh-inning solo home run by designated hitter Peter Nanos, who was batting for the first time in the game.

Westfield pulled away

with a three-run uprising in the home half of the seventh to take a 7-1 lead, collecting five of their 12 hits in the inning. The key hits were a runscoring single by DiMatteo and Sheridan's sharply hit two-run single to the opposite field.

Colesanti and Pat McWilliams collected half of Westfield 12 hits. Both were 3 for 4, with McWilliams pounding a double for the Owls' only extra base hit.

Leadoff batter Jeff John was the only Western Connecticut player with multiple hits; he was 2 for 4. The Colonials scored their final two runs in the ninth inning.

### **Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events**

#### *Saturday, March 29th*

Baseball at Mass. Maritime (DH) PPD to April 6  
Softball (DH) at Mass. Maritime PPD to April 6

Cheerleading at NECA Open Invitational TBD  
M/W Track at Coast Guard Invitational 2nd/4th Place

#### *Sunday, March 30th*

Softball vs WCSU (DH) PPD TBD

#### *Monday, March 31th*

Baseball vs Springfield College PPD to April 22

#### *Tuesday, April 1st*

Softball vs Amherst (DH) PPD TBD  
Baseball vs Lyndon State (DH) PPD TBD

#### *Wednesday, April 2nd*

W LAX at Smith College W 18-11

### **Upcoming Owls Athletics Events**

#### *Thursday, April 3rd*

Softball vs WNEC (DH) 3:00, 5:00 p.m.  
Baseball vs. UMass Boston 3:30 p.m.

#### *Saturday, April 5th*

Baseball/Softball (DH) vs Bridgewater State W LAX at Fitchburg State 5:00 p.m.

M/W AIC Yellow Jacket Invite

#### *Sunday, April 6th*

Baseball/Softball (DH) at Mass. Maritime W Golf at RIC 12:30 p.m.

#### *Monday, April 7th*

Baseball at Coast Guard 3:30 p.m.

#### *Tuesday, April 8th*

Softball (DH) vs. Smith College 3:30, 5:30 p.m.  
W LAX vs ECSU 7:00 p.m.



## Sports From Carlin's Couch

# Quidditch is the next big thing

**Matthew Carlin**  
Asst. Managing Editor

Hey there, sports fan! How are ya? This week I would like to start off by announcing a week of finally warm weather and sunshine to inspire even the laziest to go out and move around. I was not one of those; however what I did alongside my wonderful editor was research an upcoming sport in college athletics. The "Muggle Quidditch" league. I know what you're thinking, quidditch? Really? Hear me out folks; quidditch is actually a relatively intense sport. I recommend everyone to go and search in YouTube for some of the quidditch "games" that have been posted and

even the "snitch cup" series that highlights some of the biggest snitch plays over the last few years. Now, do I actually play this game? Well, I'll let you answer the question: Does Matt Carlin ever play a sport? If your answer is yes... please stop reading my columns and continue to participate in whatever IQ-reducing activity you are into.

However, what I have done is research this game on the Internet, and I want to share with you my findings.

First, to play this game all players must agree to the following terms: there will be pegging and there will be people getting tossed around. Second, for the game to actually be played the following items are needed: 15 (16 for a snitch)

people total (7 people per team with one referee) 3 goal hoops per team for a total of 6 hoops, 2 bludgers (dodge balls work great, just try to keep the color different from the rest), 1 quaffle (volleyball works great yet again keep the color different from the rest), a snitch (this can be a tennis ball however I suggest a person to provide more mobility and entertainment) and finally make sure you have a decent amount of space to play at. \*note: I understand the game is usually played with brooms however I won't bother addressing this due to a "regulation size" for brooms and I can't even think about that without crying from laughter.

Finally, some quick rules to the game: each team has 3 chasers who go

around with the quaffle trying to score points in the hoops (10 points per "goal") along with 2 beaters who use the bludgers to peg other players that must perform a penalty upon being hit (this can be a 20 second freeze or a run back to the team's hoops). Then each team needs a keeper who acts as a goalie to catch and block chasers from scoring, and a seeker who is the only one that can try and catch the snitch (due to the obvious "strain" of the sport, seekers can be substituted with other players). The snitch may "juke," push, and/or toss any player who gets in their way as the goal for the snitch is to not be tackled (for those who are too pansy for this extreme sport, you may attach a flag to whatever you

bother playing with and attempt to "catch the flag"... but everyone will think less of you and if your playing quidditch, I mean, you're already pretty close to the bottom.)

Now I have only seen videos of this game being played, and there is always room to be creative, like having the snitch use vehicles or have multiple snitches to switch out after a few minutes of running to keep the snitch in top condition while the players stay tired. However, there are many ways where this game can be played and I'm waiting for the day Westfield gets involved, because let me tell you there will be an annoyed staffer out there having to report on the game, and I will be getting to read about it.



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# Red Sox Repeat?

*Red Sox fans should be ready for regression in 2014*

## Connor Swan

Voice Reporter

Show me someone who predicted the Red Sox to win the 2013 World Series and I will show you a liar. Last season the Red Sox was a team of destiny; shaking off the stink of Bobby Valentine: chicken and beer to improbably win an MLB best 97 games, the embodiment of Boston Strong, and the capturer of the franchise's eighth World Series trophy. As much fun as it would be to pick the Sox to run the table again, the fact remains that the Red Sox are just not good enough to do it again.

Starting with the obvious, the Red Sox are just not as talented as last year's ball club. The outfield is a collection of journeymen (Gomes and Nava), injury plagued veterans (Victorino and Sizemore), and young unproven prospects (Jackie Bradley Jr.); not a unit anyone would expect out of World Series contender. Letting star-centerfielder Jacoby Ellsbury walk may have been the right financial move (seven years, \$153 million? Really, Yankees?), but from a talent standpoint the team will suffer.

Moving to the infield, it looks a little bit brighter with Dustin Pedroia and phenom Xander Bogaerts up the middle, but the cor-

ners are still suspect as no one really knows what to expect from Mike Napoli's hip or Will Middlebrooks' streaky bat. While Middlebrooks may have the potential power you look for in a third basemen, his well documented struggles to hit the curve have held him back but what should be more concerning to Sox fans is his complete inability to defend the hot corner. Last year, he was arguably the worst defensive third baseman in baseball. If this spring is any indication he may only have gotten worse – whereas last season the elite level defense of Jose Iglesias and Steven Drew was able to make up for his defensive struggles – Bogaerts is merely an average fielder. As a result, Sox fans should expect to see a many more hits finding their way through the left side of the infield.

In terms of pitching, the Sox might actually be better than last year. As it stands right now, the Red Sox have more potential starters than anyone else in baseball. While I would expect Jake Peavy, John Lackey, or Felix Doubront to be traded at some point this season, the Red Sox are blessed with a deep stable of young arms, including swingman, Brandon Workman, future regular, Allen Webster, and the talented Drake Britton (and we

haven't even gotten to the two staff aces Jon Lester and Clay Buchholz). In addition to a deep rotation, the Sox bring to the table an improved bullpen with the additions of Badenhop and Mujica, though it would be wise to not count on the 38-year-old Uehara again. His season last year ranks amongst the best ever, but I would be shocked if he is even half as dominant this year.

The Red Sox greatest asset lies in their farm system, which is ripe with the next generation of Red Sox, making the future undoubtedly bright for the club. With that said, the fact remains that their best power hitters are a 38-year-old David Ortiz with two bad Achilles and an aging Mike Napoli with a degenerative hip condition. The left side of the infield will be hemorrhaging base hits defensively and the outfield is a smorgasbord of injury prone veterans, career backups, and a 23-year-old prospect who might still be a year away from making an impact. The Red Sox have all the necessary tools to either trade for or build a dynasty, but this season Sox fans should prepare for some regression. 2013 was a year of miracles and overachievement for the Boston Red Sox, but fans should prepare for a rocky 2014. Buckle up folks.

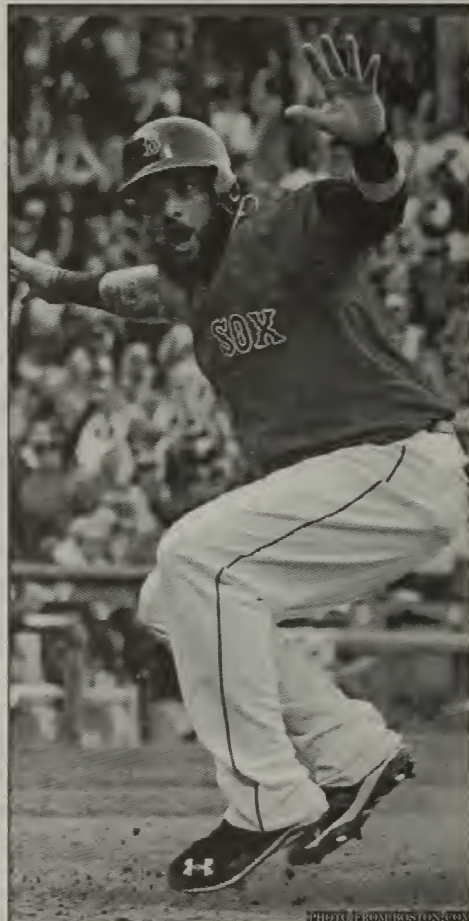


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Jonny Gomes and the Red Sox are the defending World Series champions and are looking for a repeat. However, they will have a lot of teams in their way this season.



## Get Burked

*NBA teams should choose experience before potential in draft*

PHOTO FROM POP SUGAR

*Patric Young stayed all four years at Florida and it has paid off, getting to the Final Four this year. Should he be considered over top freshman prospects?*

Age is and potential are about as important as anything else when evaluating a prospect for any professional sport. Athletes can only play for a limited number of years so organizations try to extract everything they can from them. But should experience be regarded as highly as age and potential?

Of the top 14 players listed on ESPN's top prospects list, 13 are either a freshman or sophomore. The one senior being Doug McDermott of Creighton, who is expected to be drafted at the end of the lottery.

Only two of the 5 players named to the 1st team Associated Press All-Americans are on the list (McDermott and Jabari Parker) and only one of the 2nd team All-Americans is considered a top prospect (Andrew Wiggins). The last year that freshman were

not ranked in at least 3 of the top 5 spots was 2009.

In the 2014 mock draft on nbadraft.net, only five seniors are projected to be drafted in the first round. Players like Sean Kilpatrick of Cincinnati and Russ Smith, who are both 1st team All-Americans, are not projected to be selected until the last ten picks. Melvin Ejim, the Big 12 Player of the Year, is not projected to be drafted until the 43rd pick by the Timberwolves.

Judging by the projections of this year's NBA draft, it seems that experience, commitment, and maturity are being pushed to the side in favor of youth and potential. Players like Shabazz Napier and Patric Young, who have worked tirelessly to better their game, are now seniors and being punished in NBA terms for staying at their school all four years.

Too many players in



**Andrew Burke**  
Sports Editor

recent memory have left school early because NBA teams saw potential in their game. They were not ready mentally or physically, and most are no longer in the league. Players like Tyler Honeycutt and Fab Melo both left school early in the past few years because they were projected highly by scouts and neither are on and NBA roster today.

The NBA established in that all players must be at least 19 years old during the calendar year of the draft and one year removed

from high school graduation in the 2005 collective bargaining agreement because of the difficulties tied to players graduating high school and going straight to the NBA. Many were not ready to handle the new situation and were out of the league within 2 years.

NBA general managers and owners should consider players like Napier and Young over some second tier underclassmen. Players like Wiggins and Parker are once in a generation players like Durant and LeBron were when they were drafted. However, players like Tyler Ennis of Syracuse, and James Young of Kentucky should not be rated higher than Napier.

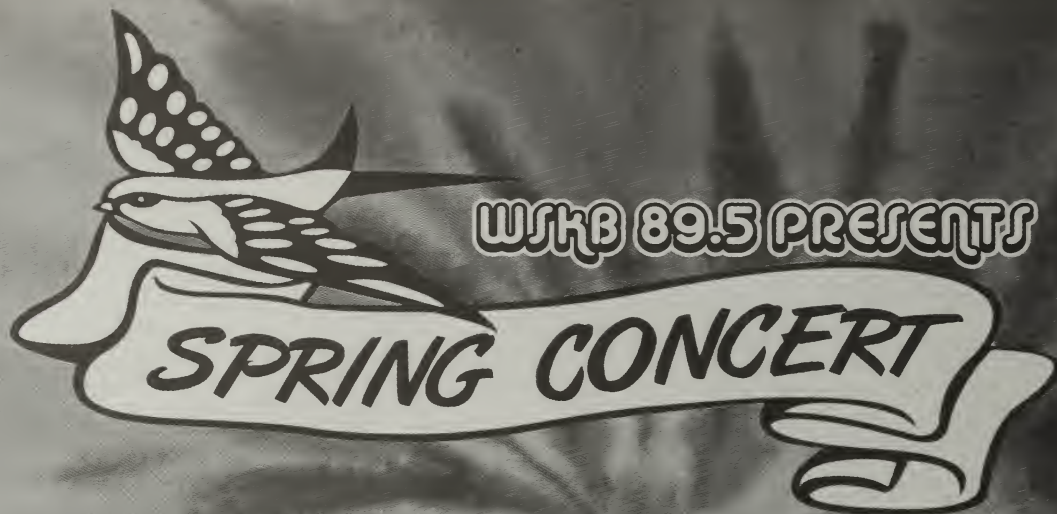
Napier is one of the top three guards in the country along with Kilpatrick and Smith and he almost single handedly carried his team to the Final Four this season, his second.

Players like Willie Cauley-Stein and Johnny O'Bryant of LSU should not be rated higher than Young, who is not even projected to be drafted in 2014.

The question that NBA teams must ask themselves is whether or not they can see past just the talent or physical statistics of a player and focus on all aspects of their game.

Damian Lillard, Steph Curry, and Kemba Walker were all told that they were too small to be successful in today's NBA. They were past on by a collective 19 teams and all of them are considered elite point guards in the league today.

Intangibles are a major part of basketball and more often than not, elite senior players have developed them finer than freshman. The NBA is a man's league and it should be the men drafted over the boys.



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community. The event was so packed that Kligerman had asked the audience members to squeeze into the aisles so that those standing in the back or on the sides could sit down.

Judges for the contest included Dr. Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs; Kim Morgan, advisor to the class of 2014; Amy Szlachetka, director of the Campus Center; and Dan Fullam, former Mr. Westfield contestant.

All of the proceeds from the event went to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Last year's event had raised enough money to grant a wish for a child with cancer, but that was after the 2012 and 2013 shows.

The 2014 performance alone garnered enough money to grant another wish.

The show opened with the men performing a dance routine, which lead to the introduction of the two hosts.

After that, the contestants participated in the "outfit of choice" part of the show. Fote and Kligerman would take turns introducing each contestant with facts about them.

The talents were next. Both Baker and Hungerford sang Disney songs. Langlois played the video on Mr. Westfield 2013. Benedetti performed a two-man show, which resulted in a friend acting as his arms trying to ice a cupcake.

Fava, who remarked later in the show that he came in second in 2013, performed the Ricky Martin hit, "Livin' La Vida Loca." Smarra performed the Blink-182 hit, "All the Small Things," with his friend Jeff Gruber. Raines dressed as a fox and performed Ylvis' hit "What Does the Fox Say?" which ended with him dropping the microphone. Both Farrell and Flemming performed stand-up routines while Hodgdon threw beach balls and glitter around on stage to the tune of "But First Let Me Take a Selfie."

The question and answer section of the show was last. Fava had the responses that drew the most laughs. When asked what mascot he would replace Nestor with, he seemed confused by the question.

He said, "I don't know? Another owl?"

The highest fundraiser was Langlois while Mr. Congeniality was Baker.

When asked what his next steps were, Langlois said he

was definitely going to participate in the show in 2015. He encouraged everybody to get involved in the cause whether by being a contestant or helping with the production.

"Really consider [it]... because it's an experience you'll never forget," he said. "It's for a great cause."

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will also be making attempts to beef up Facebook presence.

This will allow them to tell the public about their events and activities.

During the Student Government Association's meeting on March 25, many representatives were concerned with the apparent lack of student involvement.

Murphy said that there were "a lot of people whose schedules got in the way, but the people who were up there [during the SGA meeting] were the people who really got into MASSPIRG."

"Students who got super-involved with the work we do on campus are the people who come to every single meeting every week," added Grahams.

To complete their activities throughout the year, they try to emphasize information.

"Within the chapters, we have emphasized information," Murphy said. "Informing anyone who would listen, really... We don't need a lot of money to do that."

They are able to stay on campus for two more years, after all, thanks to the Student Government Association voting 42 to 13 to continue support for the chapter on their Westfield State campus.

Dan Powers, coordinator of the Bottle Bill campaign, said that they expected many of the main arguments that were posed by the representatives.

"Before the meeting, we were organizing, collecting signatures, touching up the slides, and we were pretty confident," said Powers. "We figured...we would be in a good spot."

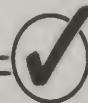
"We figured the main points, pretty confident we would be able to answer all of the questions," said Powers.

In reference to the overall positive attitude of the meeting, "We didn't expect all of the positivity," he added.

If you would like any information about MASSPIRG, visit the organization's office on the garden level of the Ely Campus Center by the Student Government room.

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# Horoscopes Games & Maze

## Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

There have been stranger things that have ruled the day than your will. Unfortunately, your will isn't all that powerful, and thus you will continue living as a leaf blowing within the center of a hurricane, completely helpless.

## Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

Is there something bothering you? It could be the ramifications of those horrible and unforgiveable actions you committed against that completely helpless person so many years ago. It could also be what you had for dinner last night.

## Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

A fantastic week you will have, like always. Prepare for a ray of light to follow you around wherever you go. You might need to watch out for people thinking you are the second coming or something of that nature.

## Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

Strange how every week turns out rather horribly for you, doesn't it? You might wish to prepare for a storm cloud to actively follow you around everywhere you go. It might actually even try to come inside with you.

## Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

Knocking over chairs and tables in an inebriated state is no way to go about living. As a general rule, the stars advise against it. Instead try to live a peaceful existence without causing too much of a commotion for your fellow man.

## Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

Sound will flow through you as a river, but the sound will not be your own. The sound will be that of the entire cosmos flowing through you, using you as a conduit. Try not to short out; good conduits for the universe are hard to come by.

## Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

Coming forward will be the best thing you ever did. You'll even get better dining options for when you are eventually incarcerated for your involvement in the master plan of vague details that you cannot entirely recall for the jury.

## Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

From the depths of the ocean a terrible creature will rise to threaten the world. Will you rise against the watery menace? Actually it would be a very bad idea to try to rise against the watery menace. The stars suggest you run as fast as you possibly can and let them nuke it.

## Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

Your magical powers might have saved you last week, but this week due to the position of Venus and the moon your inherent abilities will be put to the test. You will be required to use your wits more than ever.

## Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

Window to the future you will see, let you know what sort of person you will be. Know that fate this is not, but rather a lesson you must be taught.

## Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

Window to the future you will see, let you know what sort of person you will be. Know that fate this is not, but rather a lesson you must be taught.

## Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

It is a new thing to get old in this world, and yet it is timeless in nature. Try to see if you can comprehend and transcend time itself this week.

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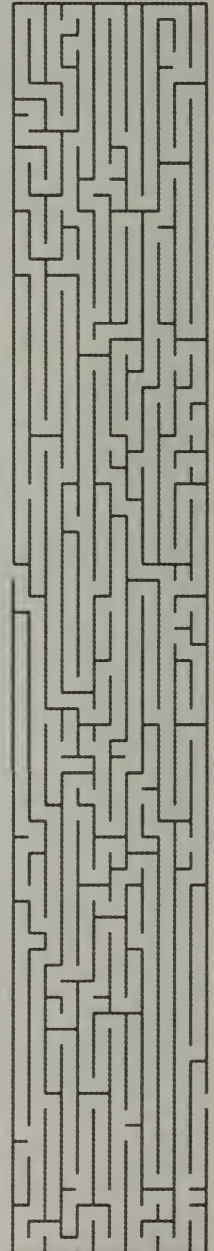
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| 4/2 | 11 am    | Bake Sale—WSKB                                    | Ely Lobby          |
| 4/2 | 6 pm     | M.A.D.E. Discussion Panel: Good Hair              | Owl's Nest         |
| 4/3 | 10 am    | Stoney Creek Farm Baked Goods                     | Ely Lobby          |
| 4/5 | 1 pm     | Time Management Workshop                          | Banacos Center     |
| 4/3 | 3 pm     | Undergrad Open House                              | HMC Garden Lvl     |
| 4/3 | 1 pm     | Amicite Club Interest Meeting (Friends/Social)    | Ely 21             |
| 4/3 | 1 pm     | Student Veterans Movie Night                      | Owl's Nest         |
| 4/3 | 1 pm     | Observing The Earth With NASA's Satellite Program | Scanlon Banq. Hall |
| 4/4 | 1 pm     | Time Management Workshop                          | Banacos Center     |
| 4/5 | 9:30 am  | 20th Annual Westfield River Symposium             | Scanlon Banq. Hall |
| 4/5 | 12 pm    | Baseball/Softball vs. Bridgewater State           | Alumni Field       |
| 4/5 | 3 pm     | Fun On The Green                                  | Campus Green       |
| 4/2 | 12:30 pm | Composer Libby Larsen                             | Loughman Liv. Rm.  |
| 4/3 | 9 am     | VENDOR: C&S Wholesale Job Recruiting              | Wilson/Quixotes    |
| 4/5 | 10 am    | VENDOR: First Niagara Bank                        | Ely Lobby          |
| 4/8 | 11 am    | Note Taking Skills Workshop                       | Banacos Center     |
| 4/8 | 3:30 pm  | Softball vs. Smith College (DH)                   | Alumni Field       |
| 4/5 | 1 pm     | Westfield State University Scholarship Showcase   | Loughman Liv. Rm.  |
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## Westfield State's first Relay for Life raises over \$39,000 to fight cancer

**Joshua Clark**  
*Editor-In-Chief*

Westfield State University's first annual Relay for Life was a very successful event.

Raising over \$39,000, the event was attended by 375 people who represented over 30 teams. Proud Relay for Life Club executive board members Beth Teague and Brenna Closius were very happy and proud of the turnout.

Closius, co-president, said, "We were shocked with how many people showed up."

The idea to hold the event at the Westfield State campus came from Teague, co-president, who

had been involved with Relay since age twelve. After attending Relays at Clark University and the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Teague was curious as to why Westfield State was not involved.

They talked to the American Cancer Society, who gave them materials, and they were off.

Her first on-campus contact was Sue Lamontagne, dean of students, who put her in touch with Barbara Hand, advisor of the Student Government. According to her, Hand helped her create the Relay for Life Club's constitution, which was needed in order to secure Student Government funds and begin the discussion on space

reservations and the like.

Teague and Closius then began discussions with the administration, staff in maintenance, Mike Young at the Woodward Center, the Neighborhood Advisory Board, and the Alumni Association.

Goals were set by the ACS to sign-up 200 members and raise \$20,000, but they thought they would beat that. "We knew that we could fundraise more than that," said Closius.

The event was originally supposed to be held on Alumni Field, but weather was kept in mind from the beginning.

They had reserved both Alumni Field and the Woodward Center

from the start. However, two days before the event, weather forced the committee to move the event to the Field House at the Woodward Center.

"We wanted to leave it to a day or two before to get a feel for what the weather was going to be like," said Teague.

As for the date, they wanted to shoot for the last weekend of April, but sporting events, Spring Weekend, and the end of the semester all played a role.

Overall, the event was viewed as a success as almost 400 people packed the indoor track in the

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## Class of 2015 highlights 175 Acts of Kindness



The Class of 2015 Council (above) was collecting random acts of kindness and sources of happiness for a "chain link of smiles" in addition to donations for their suicide walk being held May 2.

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## News from other schools

### *The Daily Collegian,* U OF MASS., AMHERST

A group of more than 100 protesters marched from the Student Union to the Whitmore Administration Building Tuesday to outline several demands and call for a meeting with the Chancellor.

### *The Harvard Crimson,* HARVARD UNIVERSITY

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Samantha J. Power will address 2014 graduates of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at the school's Class Day on May 28.

### *The Daily Campus,* UNIV. OF CONNECTICUT

The UConn School of Business and Department of Accounting has announced a new online Accounting Certificate Program (ACP) that will begin offering courses in the fall of 2014.

### *The Daily Orange,* SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

In an effort to reduce its carbon footprint, Syracuse has launched Zimride, a ridesharing program aimed at providing transportation options for students, faculty and staff.

## All-University Committee holds open forum to discuss Commencement options

*Matthew Carlin*  
Assistant Managing Editor

The All-University Committee has taken on the hot button issue of the day: Commencement location and date.

As it affects everyone on this campus, it has become a polarizing debate amongst students, faculty, staff, and librarians. The committee took on the issue at the beginning of the fall semester, seeming to show that this was becoming a yearly conundrum for the university.

Westfield State has held Commencement ceremonies at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, Mass. since 2012. The decision at that time was made because of the impending construction of University Hall, which has now been completed.

The Commencement Committee and the sub-committee of the AUC that is dealing with Commencement worked throughout the fall and the beginning of the spring to gather facts and other information to present to the campus community.

Since the construction is completed, the question of bringing Commencement back to campus came up. Once the AUC finished gathering all of its information, a fact sheet and PowerPoint presentation was completed by Laurie Simpson, committee member and director of Academic Advising.

The various sides of the argument were presented in this fact sheet and PowerPoint. For location, it became between having the ceremony on campus or at the MassMutual Center. For date, it

became between Friday and Saturday.

The committee planned an open forum and decided to create a survey in order to gather informed opinions from the campus community.

On Wednesday, the AUC held their open forum. A mix of faculty, students, librarians, and staff attended the event. All of the attendees were passionately supporting their respective opinions, which incited a spirited debate.

After Simpson presented the PowerPoint with the information, Ted Welsh, professor of mathematics and chair of AUC, spoke briefly and then opened it up to questions or comments.

Elizabeth Stassinios, professor of ethnic and gender studies, spoke first in favor of holding the event on the campus green. She cited the sentimentality of the event on campus as well as encouraging the attendees and administration to forgo the logistic and financial concerns.

She also recalled when the initial decision to move the ceremony to the MassMutual Center and how disappointed she was that faculty was left out of the decision.

Marsha Marotta, interim vice president of academic affairs, responded afterward saying that the ceremony was moved to Springfield due to the construction on campus.

Since Stassinios had proposed that the discussion alternated between on campus and MassMutual Center, Buzz Hoagland, professor of biology and president of the faculty union, spoke next.

Hoagland had reminded the attendees, especially the faculty, that the event is about

the students. He argued that if the students, their parents, and relatives do not have a pleasant experience than he cannot be in favor of the campus green.

Simpson cited during the presentation that the tent did not provide a varied viewing angle, so attendees in the back of the tent could not see the stage or any of the video screens, making the experience a negative one.

Maddy Cahill, professor of communications, spoke next in favor of the campus green.

Her argument was similar to Stassinios' but added an emotional story. She recounted the story of the mother of a graduate who had passed out on a street corner in Springfield. While the father and sister were attending to her, the graduate did not have any of her calls for help answered.

The story was made even more significant when she had said that it was all witnessed from her seat next to Pat Berube, director of health services, on a bus headed back to campus.

The bus driver did not turn around, saying he was not allowed.

Her last point was to ask how many other schools have their ceremonies "farmed out."

Joshua Clark, representative-at-large to the Student Government Association and member of the All-University Committee, stood at the podium next in favor of the MassMutual Center.

He echoed the words of Hoagland, saying, "You all are here because of us, so the students' voice is important in this debate."

Clark also reported a straw poll that had been taken

at Tuesday's Student Government meeting. According to that poll, about ten students had been in support of the campus green to the sixty or so in favor of the MassMutual Center.

A similar result was found for the date: ten or so in favor of Friday compared to the sixty or so in favor of Saturday. An accurate count was not taken.

As his last point, he answered Cahill's "farming out" question. Springfield College, Western New England University, Springfield Technical Community College, and Elms College were mentioned as holding their ceremonies at the MassMutual Center.

There was a spirited debate back and forth with similar arguments after that.

There were several students who were concerned that the student opinion was not accurately being portrayed or would not be accurately gathered but those were assuaged. Welsh had offered a point of information saying that there were a multitude of emails sent to the student email accounts informing them of the open forum and that there will be a survey open to all members of the campus community.

All of the information from Wednesday's open forum can be found at [westfield.ma.edu/commencementlocation](http://westfield.ma.edu/commencementlocation).

All members of the campus community are strongly encouraged by the All-University Committee to take the survey, as it will help them provide an informed opinion to the interim president.

The survey will open for at least a week and a link to it can be found at the link listed above.



# Residence Hall Assoc. hoping to expand on their success next year

**Joshua Clark**  
Editor-in-Chief

The Residence Hall Association is looking forward to next year. While next year's executive board has not taken office, Michelle Springer, president of the organization, said that she is hoping they can keep expanding.

When asked how they were doing, she said, "Great; we have definitely expanded over the last three years."

Last week, the RHA held their "Shark Attack on the Green" event, which was a success. The event featured a mechanical shark, spin-art Frisbees, a green screen photo station, and a cotton candy machine.

The organization was founded in 2011 by now-alumni Alex Keefe, Brady Kerr, and others in order to foster a better relationship between the resident students and the Department of Residential Life.

Alex Keefe was its first president. They spent their first year writing their constitution and working with Residential Life to get the

organization set up with money and influence on campus.

Brady Kerr, who served as vice president of finance in its first year and president in its next, worked on expanding the organization with a focus on programming. The group sponsored "hall crawls," hall council events, and fundraisers in order to improve residential life.

The group also worked on sending student leaders within the organization to conferences, like the North East Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls conferences, which provided the attendees with programming ideas and connections to RHA groups from other schools.

A major project in its first years was the care packages. The sale and distribution of them was a large undertaking, led primarily by the organization.

This year, under Springer's leadership, the Residence Hall Association involved itself heavily with the various hall councils, staff development assistants, and residence assistants to provide funding

for various programs and initiatives that they were working on.

Many end-of-the-year events are funded in part by the Residence Hall Association.

Looking toward next year, RHA is optimistic. Springer said, "We have our foot in the door... we just need to recruit strong leaders and have RHA grow."

They will not know what specific topics they will be focused on until their executive board is in place, but it appears that they will be focused on similar things next year.

"We helped with Welcome Week, arts and crafts nights, and little things like that," she said.

They will be looking for students to run for their executive board. All resident students are allowed to be on the executive board, except resident assistants, who are only permitted to be general board members.

Students interested should look for an email, but they can also contact Michelle Springer at mspringer7884@westfield.ma.edu.

## Corrections and Clarifications

The short film that David Langlois produced for the 2014 Mr. Westfield Pageant was misattributed in the article written on the front page of last week's issue. It is supposed to be titled, "The Crown, the Sash, and the Glory: The Life and Times of Mr. Westfield 2013." The mistake was due to a stubborn editor-in-chief who failed to fact-check.

The poem on page fourteen, entitled "Escape," was written by Hayley Rebmann. The poem was added at the last minute so in our haste, her name was left out.

In the article on page seventeen, entitled "Quidditch is the next big thing," it insinuated that Westfield State does not currently have a time. It in fact does, and is heavily involved in tournaments in the area. This includes their seventh seed placement in the Southern New England Quidditch Conference championship tournament this upcoming weekend.

If you find any mistakes or errors in The Westfield Voice, please forward them to Matthew Carlin, assistant managing editor and corrections editor, by email at mcarlin6141@westfield.ma.edu.

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# student government

*Student Government Association begins their triennial process of Constitutional Review; changes are made to reflect current practices*

**Ryan Caulfield**  
SGA Correspondent

A lengthy and tiring meeting was the theme for the Student Government Association meeting last Tuesday. The SGA went over and revised their constitution, which happens every four years.

Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, took the podium and gave her report before the constitutional review began. She announced that all students who are running for an SGA position can start campaigning and must follow the election bylaws.

Fote said that the new art exhibit in Arno Maris Gallery, on the second floor of the Ely building, is something worth checking out. The exhibit focuses on Westfield and includes artwork inspired by the University and its surroundings.

Fote also brought up the project called Liquid Galaxy, which is being built in the library. April 23 is the date for the opening.

Liquid Galaxy is a program that runs on seven huge computer screens that are at a 270-degree arc. It will be set up in the library on the mezzanine. It can be used with Google Earth and Google Sky, along with other programs.

After the madam president was done, Jennifer McDiarmid, parliamentarian, claimed the podium to start going over the new constitution with the SGA. Each new change was motioned and voted on by the SGA.

All 61 motions were passed by the SGA. All were passed unanimously except for three. The motions ranged from changing the names of the SGA from senators to representatives, to reformatting the entire constitution.

One of the motions that was commented on was allowing the vice president of student life to become the chair of the SGA whenever directed by the president. Steve Mailloux, representative-at-large, said that the language for the motion was unnecessary, and that the parliamentarian position should have the chair due to previous SGA rules. "I see it more as an obligation and power stripping of the parliamentarian," Mailloux said.

Fote said that the main reason for the change is that the parliamentarian would have a lot on their plate coming into the SGA, and it is easier to make the president head of the chair during the meetings. When the president leaves the chair to speak

or leaves the meeting for a reason, the vice president of student life would be the next to continue the chair, Fote said.

Another motion that was heavily debated by the SGA was the uses of alternates. An alternate is an undergraduate student in any class that sits in for a SGA representative that could not make it to a meeting.

A representative has two alternates that he or she can use per semester. Matthew Carlin, representative at large, asked the executive council whether or not an executive member could use an alternate and would it need to be in the constitution.

For the past two years and many years before, every member of the executive board had not used an alternate at any point, and Carlin's question questioned what an alternate should be.

The SGA had a long debate on the matter and eventually came to clear definition for the alternate and how he or she can be used in a meeting. Section H.2 says, "An alternate is a full time matriculated undergraduate student who comes from a representative's constituency who acts in a non-voting capacity in place of an excused absence."

Carlin's question was

only 53 minutes into the meeting. The review went on until an hour and half into the meeting. By the end of the review, a number of representatives had left the meeting and tired faces became the expression of most SGA members.

When McDiarmid left the podium, Stone Koury, student trustee, gave a report on the Board of Trustees meeting that was on Thursday, April 8. Koury said that in the meeting, the board will discuss purchasing three 2011 Toyota Camrys, and is attempting to hire O'Connor & Drew, P.C. for FY14 Audit Services.

Some nonaction items were the briefs on the quarterly report, controller's review, and the new science building, Koury said.

Koury also said that the presidential search committee is discussing their search for a new permanent president.

Joshua Clark, representative-at-large, delivered the report for the All-University Committee. They had done their usual activities of delegating new items to their respective committees.

They also heard a proposal from Elizabeth Stassinis, professor of ethnic and gender studies, which would allow for town hall-style meetings at the beginning of

both the fall and spring semesters.

The committee supported it, he said, but because of contractual obligations, they could not do anything further with it.

He also alluded to their discussion of the academic honesty policy, which had come from the Academic Policies Committee for their review. He said that there is a more elaborate discussion that will take place at their April 16 meeting.

Victoria Landry, representative of the class of 2015, gave the final Neighborhood Advisory Board report of the year. Landry said they recapped what events they had done in March and added Ralph Figy as a new board member. He represents one of the wards for city council in downtown Westfield.

The next meeting of the SGA will be spent going over the constitution once more. McDiarmid grinned and reassured the representatives that the second meeting would be a lot shorter than the first.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be on April 15, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.



## State Comptroller report finds WSU has many right financial controls in place

### From news release

On April 7, Westfield State University released a report by the state Office of the Comptroller, which reviewed its current financial policies and controls.

Interim President Elizabeth H. Preston had requested that Massachusetts State Comptroller Martin Benison undertake the review as part of the university's own accelerated evaluation of policies, procedures, and internal controls to make sure they are consistent with the best practices and to assure appropriate use of university resources.

"We are deeply grateful to Mr. Benison and his team for undertaking this expedited review as part of the university's own rigorous review of policies and controls," said West-

field State President Elizabeth H. Preston. "While the report identifies areas for improvement, as we expected it would, it also validates many of the steps we have taken proactively to improve understanding and compliance with financial policies and procedures and confirms that we are moving in the right direction."

Most importantly, President Preston and Interim Vice President of Administration & Finance (A&F) Kimberly Tobin have made it clear to faculty and staff that adhering to policies and procedures related to spending and managing resources is critical to the university with administration leading by example.

As part of the university's already strong efforts to set the right "tone

at the top," the importance of which was emphasized in the Comptroller report, the university is implementing a more proactive risk management financial strategy to address and evaluate exposures that can affect the university's ability to achieve its stated educational and business objectives.

Additionally, the university has improved access and visibility of all university policies on the website to reinforce awareness and create an environment of compliance. Future plans include creating an interactive "Ask Kim" tool on the website, which allows staff and faculty to ask questions pertaining to policy directly to Vice President Tobin.

As was also recommended in the report, the university is also strengthening

its own internal audit capabilities to help identify and address potential issues before they become problems through creation of an internal auditor position. The Board of Trustees is in the process of establishing its own audit committee, and the internal auditor will be reporting directly to the audit committee as soon as that committee is established.

Importantly, the report found that the university's current practices regarding "reporting on presidential expenses and getting Trustee approval for specific expenses made by the president" seem to be "in line with [Board of Higher Education Trust Fund] guidelines."

Mr. Benison stated, "During our review we found the Administration

and Finance staff committed to the university and knowledgeable of university and Comptroller policies. The transaction testing confirmed policies and procedures were generally being followed. We did identify areas of improvement, which are outlined in the report."

The report does recommend additional steps the university should undertake, and President Preston has made clear that "the university will be carefully reviewing and implementing the recommendations made in the report." Those recommendations include:

- Conducting annual reviews of all A&F policies
- Expanding under-

see NEWS RELEASE on  
page 21

## Bongo Ball Mania

**Kylie Isenberg**  
Voice Reporter

On Sunday April 6th, Student Activities hosted an event called Bongo Ball Mania. Bongo Ball is very similar to paint ball except there were no paint ball guns involved.

There were guns loaded with Nerf footballs with which each participant would aim for their opponent. There were targets blown up with air where players could hide while they reloaded their guns.

It was set up like an obstacle course with the targets scattered across the green in front of the Dining Commons. There was also

a food truck that handed out steak and cheese subs with French fries.

Lastly, there was a table set up for letter art. Students were able to pick out pictures that looked like the letters in the name. The letters were then printed off from a computer and taped onto a poster board. The poster board was then laminated for protection. The turnout for this event was huge.

I would estimate that 100 kids showed up, which is decent considering the fact that many students go home on the weekends.

I would say the event was very successful overall. Everyone seemed to

have a blast shooting the footballs out of the guns, and I heard a lot of compliments on the food truck.

The best part was that it was all funded by student activities which helps increase the student turnout. The only issue with this event was the wind. The wind kept knocking over the targets since they were only filled with air.

I feel like they should have been secured to the ground with stakes. It would have saved the hassle of constantly reorganizing them. Other than the wind, the event was a successful one and I would recommend doing something similar to it next year.



## From 'The Voice' Vault

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# Renovations Demand Tuition Hike

By Suzanne Nadeau

At a November 4 press conference, Westfield State College President Francis J. Pilecki announced a possible tuition increase of \$64 per student per semester, beginning in January, 1984. The tuition hike will help finance a \$3 million construction program that includes an addition to the gymnasium, Campus Center renovations and a 2,000 seat indoor hockey rink. An unidentified local firm will donate \$500,000 to cover one-half of the rink expenses, if the State Board of Regents and the State Legislature approve the tuition hike. The hike has already been approved by Westfield State Student Senate and the college's Board of Trustees.

The construction is part of a \$10 million expansion program. Additional proposed renovations include additions to existing

dormitories, cafeteria expansion, and construction of a new dormitory. The changes will provide living space for 500 students, easing the current on-campus housing shortage.

The Board of Regents voted and passed the proposal during the week of November 7.

The block to the right contains a breakdown of the costs and the funding sources, which were released in a letter from President Pilecki on Nov. 7.

Note: On tuition retention plan, the Legislature would advance the funds for the project construction in order to begin as soon as possible. College would repay the Commonwealth in forthcoming years.

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## Dining Commons to begin renovations over summer to improve food quality

This article was published in the April 16, 2001 issue of The Campus Voice

By ADRIENNE LAMPLOUGH  
VOICE REPORTER

This summer, Westfield State College will begin renovating the Dining Commons, starting on May 21 and finishing on August 15, said Assistant Vice-President Curt Robie.

The Dining Commons will undergo major changes in "The serving area and the residential border plan side," said Peter Stetson, Director of Food Services.

"This project is funded by food services and will cost a little bit over half a million dollars," said Robie.

"They are going to replace all of

serving area is going to be pushed into the dining area," said Stetson. "Each area is going to have its own section.

There will be an area for pastas, pizza, deli bar, also for the grill and a charcoal grill, hot entrees and occa-

According to Stetson each area will have a visible prep area. "We will be bringing some of the production from the back of the house to the front of the house," said Stetson.

New equipment is also going to be purchased to replace the ten-year-old equipment that is currently in the Dining Commons. There has been many technological advances in the past ten years, said Stetson.

"New equipment means new possibilities," said Stetson. "It will be the same kind of food but because of the better facilities it will



-File Photo

Plans for Westfield State's future Dining Commons.

sionally specialty cooking, while the beverages will be facing the dining

area.

## Dining Commons

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make the product so much better. We will be preparing the food right in front of you. The new equipment will help make better food."

According to Stetson the food will be fresher and there will be a larger variety to choose from.

Stetson wants students to know that the meal plan will stay the same. Students will scan their cards as they enter the Dining Commons and will be able to eat as much as they want.

"The only thing that will change is the meal plan goes up a percentage

each year. But other than that it won't go up much it is usually just a ten or fifteen dollar increase each year," said Stetson.

President Frederick Woodward said, "My opinion on the change is very positive. It will be more of a mall-style serving area. They prepare the food for you when you are standing there," said Woodward. "The food will be fresher."

Kris Dumas, a freshman, said, "It sounds pretty good, it sounds promising. I like the fact that we can have pizza everyday. You can't go wrong with pizza."

"I think anything that will improve the quality of food and helps to stop the wasting of food will be a good system," said sophomore, Melissa Griffin.

According to Stetson, students that are staying on campus during the summer break can go to Subway, which will be open, along with the student service center, 333 and Scanlon Banquet Hall. Students that are visiting the campus during orientation will be served their meals in the Banquet Hall.

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# opinions & editorials

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RACE RUGH, EDITOR

## The Conservative View

# Republican President Obama?

This week, I feel as though I want to take a step back and talk about a couple of topic point that needs to be addressed.

Normally I would take this space to present current events from a conservative view, however this week I have the opportunity to offer commentary without the bias of ideology, however there is a matter of a few events that need to be discussed simply of politics.

In recent years, the Obama administration has set forth on an agenda that first seemed to be a populist ideal, universal healthcare.

However, within recent weeks it has become quite clear that Obama has no real interest in the affairs of the common citizen but instead has more interest in the business of corporations and other smaller businesses.

This is exemplified for the past few weeks, Obama has been repeatedly pushing back the mandates on businesses for the healthcare coverage for employees which would have been at this year, but instead is not set to be mandated by 2017.

However, the individual mandate was only quasi pushed off till the current week, as long as you say



**Matt Carlin**  
Asst. Managing Editor

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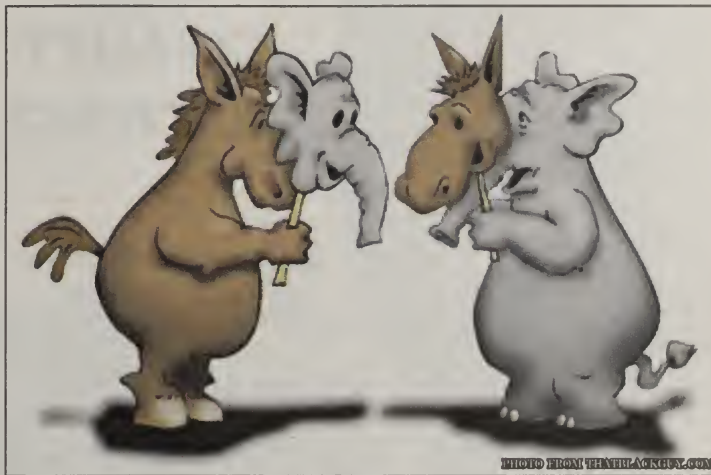
Now the purpose of this article isn't to call out this blatant ignorance for the supposed individuals that the president claims to represent, but instead to draw attention to something that is, well humorous.

During the 2000 to 2008 election cycles, liberals called out republicans for being too pro-business and anti-individual.

As a result, during the Bush Administration years, Republicans were known as the "corporate" party.

Well it looks like the shoe is on the other foot now. President Obama and Democrats have been the biggest pro-business politicians since the turn of the century.

The last six years alone have been testament to that. In the last six years, we have seen something unforeseen in



*As Democrats and Republicans alike try to find their party lines, it seems like an ideological flip flop is bound to occur.*

our country's history.

We have seen government bailouts of some of the biggest corporations in the country, alongside the revival of a real-estate giant, who was one of main reasons for the economic downturn of 2008.

Then the government has reduced the interest and the payback periods for the businesses thus providing a more "profitable" deal for these failed businesses.

After all of the bailouts, the government was still willing to provide extensions for businesses that claimed they needed

more time to follow a law that has set mandates on individuals with no possible moving of the deadline.

Now I'm not saying that Obama is doing anything right or wrong, however I don't believe I am stepping over a line by saying in the Bush administration, Democrats and Obama would be registered Republicans, however I guess it would be out of place.

The real issue that I present this little mix and match of "insults" from the last 14 years of politics is for one simple reason.

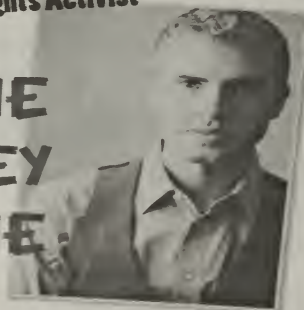
I believe as we progress and develop, everyone should be aware that at any point in their lives they could be the very person that they despised earlier. Obviously that is not to say pro-life will become pro-choice, I'm just saying we have seen party platforms flip time and time before; are we experiencing one not even a decade apart?

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## From the Editor's Desk

# David Letterman retiring from 'Late Show' brings disappointment, as finding his replacement is sure to bring out the wounds from 1992

**D**avid Letterman is retiring next year, and this has brought me profound sadness.

This has nothing to do with the Westfield State campus, but I do not care.

I am completely in love with late night talk shows and have developed an encyclopedic knowledge of the late night shows that have graced the airwaves beginning at 11:30 p.m.

When I first started watching late night talk shows, in the seventh grade, Jay Leno and David Letterman were the one and two at the 11:30 p.m. time slot.

I liked Conan O'Brien's Late Night and so naturally I was elated when he was to take the helm of The Tonight Show.

When it came to 11:30 p.m., I liked Jay Leno better than David Letterman... but that was before 2010. When Leno stole Tonight from O'Brien, I immediately decided that I was going to give Letterman a try.

It was incredibly funny. His facial expressions, random noises, and incredibly funny "Top Ten" lists won me over Leno's recycled jokes and corny bits.

Considering the fact that Letterman was passed over for Tonight, and Johnny Carson was secretly bitter over it, I dived deeper.

I discovered that Letterman actually did start Late Night in 1982, and when his

humor is compared to Carson's, it is similar.

Carson is still the king of late night, in my opinion, though.

Letterman was bitter, no doubt, over being passed over for the seat. I feel that this has

put him in the position to be an "elder statesman" of sorts. He joked about it, but his jokes were tasteful.

Leno was funnier than Letterman, and he knew that.

One would argue that Let-



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Editor-in-Chief

them with millions.

Letterman's retirement brings the same argument that came up when Carson retired. Will Craig Ferguson, the host of The Late Late Show, which airs after Letterman, take the reins?

Some have said Stephen Colbert, Jon Stewart, or Chelsea Handler but I do not add credence to any of these.

Colbert and Stewart are funny, but their respective shows would not be as suc-

cessful without them. There is also the issue that the humor of their shows rests on satire, which is not the style of humor that a network late night show relies on.

Chelsea Handler is too controversial for my liking. Her show is mildly humor-

ous, but her books and tweets are too wild for what I believe network executives are looking forward.

I do not think Craig Ferguson is a smart choice, as his humor best belongs at the 12:30 time slot.

If we were to pick him at all, it would be to redeem the late night host promotion debacle that he has sored in 1992 when Letterman was passed for Leno.

My ideal choice would be Conan O'Brien. It would not sit well for me that he would be in competition with the network that had brought him such success, but that's the nature of show business.

Conan belongs on network television, not basic cable. While basic cable allows him some more liberties in regards to the kind of humor he can get away with, network television is the supreme leader of late night television as far as I am concerned.

As far as I can tell, The Tonight Show and The Late Show are two big franchises that are too insurmountable for Conan's Conan.

It is unfortunate to think that he could never be number one in the ratings for late night talk shows, but it is true. Jimmy Fallon is doing some great things in his reincarnation of The Tonight Show and Letterman is Letterman.

My choice for his replacement will be Conan O'Brien. I stand by my choice.



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## Gentlemen's Weekly

## Rocky Patel makes waves with the Edge Series

Rocky Patel is among the large names in the cigar business. Anything that he or his brand touch seems to turn to gold with high ratings. Whatever taste you have for cigars, you can be sure that Rocky Patel makes something that you would enjoy.

At the 2012 International Premium Cigar & Pipe Retailers (IPCPR) in Orlando, Rocky Patel released six new extensions; the Freedom, the Burn Naples, Florida, the Home Run 500, the Private Cellular, the Nording 50th, and the Edge.

This week, I will be reviewing the Edge. The Edge series has become one of their most popular extensions, and includes the Edge Sumatra, Madu-

ro, Corojo, Lite, and Candela. In addition, they are releasing a new cigar, the Edge Nicaragua that adds a habano wrapper to the line. This will surely make the Edge more popular and give Rocky Patel a nice edge in the market.

The secret to the Edge's popularity is the 5-year-old blend that is utilized by Rocky Patel. Each cigar is hand rolled in Honduras and passes through a rigorous and effective quality control process that ensures only the best cigars are put out to the market.

The full-bodied spicy aroma and super long finish has made the edge one of the hottest cigar brands ever made. The Rocky Patel Edge has a small, white band at the foot of



**Joshua Minardi**  
Social Media Coordinator

the cigar that says nothing but "Rocky Patel Edge" around the circumference (very conservative when compared to some of Rocky Patel's other bands).

The wrapper of the one I was smoking (the Edge Nicaragua) was a medium brown with a nice reddish hue, thick veins, some apparent oil, and was firmly packed. The cap was very tight and surprisingly

small, allowing only for a straight cut to prepare for smoking.

Had I tried a punch or V-cutter, it would have collapsed the cap.

The wrapper of the Edge Nicaragua has notes of wood, hay, and a bit of a mineral sort of scent, reminiscent of the rich soil that the tobacco was grown in. The foot has a scent which is a blend of hay, earth, wood, and a nice floral tone.

On the pre-light draw there is a mix of the same flavors as I picked up from the foot.

The Rocky Patel Edge Nicaragua lights up with a nice, rich, floral flavor, a bit of woodiness, and an earthiness that gives a nice clean finish. The smoke is slightly sweet, smooth, cool, and creamy.

The draw is excellent, easily providing a full body of smoke, and the burn is fairly sharp. The intensity of the flavors is about medium, yet they are pleasant and are very well blended, balanced, and clean.

The strength is medium with a nice retro-hale with only a tiny bit of spice to it. Into the second third of the Edge, the flavors become a bit richer and more intense.

However, there isn't much of an evolution, the flavor is a bit woodier, a little less floral and earthy, but still nice and smooth, which is causing a bit of salivation after each draw. The finish on the palate is still nice and clean, with a bit of wood and floral tones lingering between draws.

The ash is holding very firm, well past the inch

point, and it actually took me some effort to break off when I tried. The burn is still quite sharp, and hasn't required any correction or relights.

The strength has remained in the medium range, not really increasing or decreasing. During the final third, there still isn't much of a change in terms of flavor.

There is a bit of an added nuttiness, and the notes of wood, earth, and floral tones all remain. The smoke is still nice and smooth, creamy and rich.

The strength is still medium, and the flavor is still only about medium in intensity. The finish remains very clean and balanced, quite enjoyable; it smoked cool and clean right to the nub, without any issues with the burn, ash, or pulling any heat.

The Rocky Patel Edge Nicaragua is certainly a good addition to the Edge series. While it was enjoyable, I was hoping for a bit more evolution or intensity of flavors.

The blend was quite creamy, smooth and balanced. Even though habano is one of my favorite wrappers, I still prefer the Edge Maduro a bit more than this new Edge Nicaragua, but I do think this is one to look out for.

It had an excellent medium strength, a creamy smoothness that isn't easy to find, and a great rich woody, floral blend to it.

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The Seventh Side: Your Weekly Dose of Satire

# Something is out of place in Wilson Hall

**D**ear melancholy readers who always look down at the floor,

Have you noticed something in Wilson? Something out of place? We are Westfield State University, and on one of the floors in a hallway of the first floor in Wilson outside the auditoriums, it clearly states "WSC" in tiles on the ground. This is unacceptable. The prestige of this institution is at stake.

Since we can't afford those mind-wiping gadgets from Men in Black with our meager budget, we have to do the best we can in order to make sure we got all of the now out of date materials away from our campus.

We should take as many steps as possible to scrub this horrid name of "college" from our halls.

**Sind T. Zelony**  
Not an A&E Editor

We must scrub it from our stone, change our signs, go into the homes of alumni and secretly burn their old sweatshirts, giving them new ones (aged properly, of course) that say "University" on them.

Still, who knows what we could find? Is it practical to go through so much trouble just for a few words?

A few wrong signs here and there for the next few years? Some tiles on the floor?

Yes it is, and there lies only one solution, my dear readers.

We must rebuild Wilson Hall. From the ground up, after hired construc-



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Sind T Zelony

tion workers this summer implode it using a small nuclear fusion device (they are the cheapest kind, you know) and all of its demonic Westfield State College titled memorabilia. If we do it in gothic architecture, we will further forget the

past. We must forget the past.

I don't want to remember the bad times; I just don't want to remember. Please. Make it stop. Make the darkness go away.

Yours in false nomenclature,

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## Opinions and Editorials Quick Hits

**Matthew Carlin**  
Assistant Managing Editor

**It would seem peace talks** might be canceled in Jerusalem, after an increased effort from the Obama administration to negotiate a deal between Israel and Palestine. The deal all but collapsed this week, and has sent a ripple in diplomatic ties between the US and Israel with the Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas.

The talks were already slow if not stalled because of Israel's failure to deliver on a promise to release Palestin-

ian prisoners even after Secretary of State John Kerry offered to release an Israeli spy, Jonathan Pollard.

However before the deal could even be finalized, Palestine leader Abbas took a step away from talks by applying to the fifteen international organizations recognized by the United Nations, which would give Abbas the ability to pursue grievances against Israel at an international stage.

The International Court of Justice has ordered the Nation of Japan to stop killing

whales in the Antarctic.

Japan has been slaughtering thousands of whales under a loophole in the 1986 whaling ban that allows for some whaling for research purposes, however Japanese businesses have been commercializing the whaling under the guise of scientific research. The Japanese government commented that the decision was a "disappointment" but would abide by it.

Japan actually retains other whaling permits and could even resume whaling if it tweaks the program, conservationists hailed

the decisions as important but felt it left the government too much leeway.

Whether or not the government plans to reinvent its current program has yet to be seen however, it would seem that they would most likely benefit from tweaking their already prosperous program.

This week NATO has cut ties with Russia. Foreign ministers from among NATO have called on Russia to refuse its illegal and illegitimate annexation of Crimea, and demands that Russia refrains

from any further interference in the Ukraine both diplomatically and militarily.

NATO has offered to intensify its relations with Ukraine, a nonmember, and even offered to train the Ukrainian armed forces. Alongside its declaration for friendship, NATO has cut off all civilian and military cooperation with Russia, but still left the NATO-Russia council. There are rumors that the 13,000 strong air, land, and sea Response Force could be mobilized to eastern members or even to the Ukraine itself.

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*as of April 8, 2014*

## Comedian Steven Hofstetter entertains students at Westfield State University

### Top 10 Singles

1. Pharrell Williams - Happy
2. John Legend-All of Me
3. Katy Perry-Dark Horse
4. Jason Derulo ft 2 Chainz - Talk Dirty
5. Idina Menzel-Let It Go
6. Bastille-Pompeii
7. Lorde-Team
8. Aloe Blacc-The Man
9. OneRepublic - Counting Stars
10. DJ Snake and Lil Jon - Turn Down For What

### Top 5 Albums

1. Frozen Movie Soundtrack
2. Shakira - Shakira.
3. Johnny Cash - Out Among The Stars
4. Kari Jobe - Majestic
5. Skrillex-Recess

### Top 5 Movies

1. Captain America: The Winter Soldier
2. Noah
3. Divergent
4. God's Not Dead
5. Muppets Most Wanted

### Upcoming DVDs

1. The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug
2. August: Osage County
3. Grudge Match
4. Justin Bieber's Believe
5. Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones

**JR Nieb**  
Voice Reporter

Steve Hofstetter, a standup comedian, made his second appearance at Westfield State University on March 22, when he performed in the Owl's Nest in Ely.

The Student Activities Board at Westfield State sponsored the event.

The show was originally to be held on March 1, but was postponed to March 22 because Hofstetter's flight was cancelled the night before due to torrential rain in Los Angeles. Hofstetter emailed Jessica Murphy, the assistant director of student activities, and said that he was going to be in the area around March 1.

Student activities had an open spot one night because he wanted to perform at Westfield State again.

Murphy sent the email to Hofstetter and Michelle Hanney, 23, the program coordinator of student activities, who set up the entire event.

After Hofstetter sent his contract to Hanney, she looked it over, wrote up a new Westfield State contract, and sent both contracts back to Hofstetter so he could sign them.

Then, once Hanney received the contracts from Hofstetter, she had Matthew Dellea, 24, the night

and weekend manager of student activities, help her reserve the Owl's Nest for March 1.

After that, Murphy looked over the contracts, signed them, and then Carlton Pickron, the vice president of student affairs, signed them and sent them off to the purchasing department where they would issue Hofstetter's check.

Hanney then had to contact the catering department to order food and reserve a dressing room for Hofstetter. Hanney talked to Dellea to make sure the Owl's Nest was set up correctly.

Hanney's last step was to contact Anthony Duarte, 21, the student graphic designer for student activities, to make flyers for the event to be put up around campus and she then created the event on Facebook.

"The one time that I've been here, the crowd was super responsive, and really into the show, and they let me play around a lot on stage," Hofstetter said. "And that's fun for a comedian."

Hofstetter said he was happy to be performing at Westfield State again because had fun the last time.

One thing that Hofstetter likes about Westfield State University is that the students are nice to

the people that come to perform there.

"Right now, I'm doing a lot of jokes about eating healthy because that's something that's become important to me, and I've been doing material about my dogs," Hofstetter said. "In a couple weeks, I'm sure I'll write something else."

Hofstetter did a "question and answer" session at the end of the show because that was a way for him to make this show different from his other live shows.

With the "question and answer" session, Hofstetter told some of his personal stories to the audience. Hofstetter was able to come up with jokes on the spot.

Ashley McLaughlin, 18, a freshman, education major at Westfield State, liked how Hofstetter had the people in the audience involved with his comedy act. McLaughlin did not like the jokes and references that Hofstetter made about sex.

"As far as standup comedians go he was very entertaining," McLaughlin said. "My favorite part of the show was when Hofstetter talked about school mascots."

"I liked that it was a laid back performance," said Brett Hooton, 18, a freshman at Westfield State, about Hofstetter's

performance.

"He seemed very comfortable on stage and people reacted well and understood his humor."

Hooton liked how Hofstetter had jokes that were targeted towards college-aged students because he understood them.

"I think Hofstetter is a great standup comedian," said Julia McBride, 18, a freshman social work major. "He is really funny and knows when a joke is doing well or not."

"If I could change one thing, it would be to make it a little longer," McBride said. "I felt as though it ended abruptly."

Ruby Metz, 20, a junior biology major, liked how Hofstetter used true stories in his jokes, such as the one about the pit bull, and he used that to show that some people can sometimes be ignorant.

Metz said that she thought that Hofstetter's material was funny and relevant because he incorporated jokes about the university into the show.

"I really like Hofstetter as a comedian," Metz said. "His act was very natural and didn't sound rehearsed."

"I liked how he wasn't racist, but suggested common stereotypes," said Metz about Hofstetter. "I enjoyed his anecdotes and jokes that were based on his experiences."

*Knowing to Cook**The Dessert Menu – Affordable and Simple Sweets*

**Ryan Cashman**  
Voice Columnist

With all of the wonderful and warm weather we have been blessed with over the last few weeks, I find myself dreaming of the impending summer.

Though spring is only just beginning, I cannot help but crave summer food. However, there is one food group in particular that I am craving more than anything: dessert!

I understand that I can go and grab a chocolate bar or other desserts from an eating establishment on campus, but it is the desserts I get when I am home for the summer that I cannot stop thinking about.

Desserts are dangerous, in the sense that too much of a good thing can end up becoming a bad thing and also because they are so

wonderful.

They can be simple, like Strawberry Shortcake, or exceedingly extravagant, like multi-layered wedding cake or chocolate soufflés glazed with crème liqueur and topped with powdered sugar.

It should come as a surprise to no one that I much prefer simplicity to extravagance.

Unfortunately, I have a very limited skillset in terms of dessert making. My younger sister and my mom are far more skilled in that area.

They have the wonderful ability to turn seemingly random ingredients into a fantastic dessert. Over the last few years, my sister has perfected the art of cupcake making.

On weekends, she spends hours experimenting with her friends and

then comes home with a large tin full of cupcakes. She sets five aside for the family, while the rest all go to her friends.

My mom, on the other hand, has dessert recipes extending back to her grandmother. A favorite recipe of my mom's is pizzelles, which are simple Italian waffle cookies. I always know a holiday or special event is approaching when I see her take out that pizzelle iron and the house is filled with the smell of fresh cookies.

However, homemade desserts yield yet another danger: cost. The price for ingredients for homemade desserts can grow to be rather expensive.

This is unfortunate, seeing as any dessert made at home, in my eyes, is instantly better than anything purchased at a gro-

cery store. Still, if you are clever and creative, you can turn relatively inexpensive ingredients into a wonderful dessert.

The recipe I am including in the column this week is for Cashman Family summertime dessert recipe called Yodel Cake. This is an extremely affordable and simple recipe that anyone can make.

Unfortunately, the origins of Yodel Cake remain a mystery to me. I have absolutely no idea when the inception of this dessert occurred, but we have greatly enjoyed the results.

The recipe is not completely homemade, seeing as we buy both the Yodels and the ice cream from the store.

We have yet to make it from scratch, but I'm sure the result will be equally as wonderful if not more so than the original recipe. Yodel Cake consists of yodels and ice cream, that's it.

There is nothing tricky or difficult about this recipe whatsoever, which is the main reason we make it so much. Yodel Cake is perfect to serve at a large summer cookout.

It is a wonderful accompaniment to all of the gut busting food commonly served at cookouts.

The goal of any good dessert is to perfectly complement the meal beforehand.

That is where the phrase "save room for dessert" derives from.

Of course, there are different desserts to accompany different meals. For instance, you would not serve guests Yodel Cake after serving last week's seafood recipe.

Instead, I would recom-

mend serving something like a lemon tart or a nice fruit salad. Heavier desserts like Death by Chocolate Cake or Crème Brûlée are often served after meals like pot roast or thickly sauced pasta dishes.

Desserts are like wine; they accompany but do not overpower the meal. And you never forget them.

In terms of affordability, desserts can often be up in the air.

Still, that should never discourage anyone from making them. As always, I strongly recommend attempting something new. Try making brownies or cupcakes from scratch instead of using a mix found in a box. Or you could try this recipe for Yodel Cake!

Enjoy!

Bunoo Tavola and Man-giare Bene!

**YODEL CAKE**

Ingredients:

2-3 boxes Drakes Yodel Cakes

1-1.5 quart container each Chocolate and Vanilla Ice Cream

Instructions:

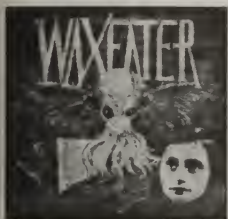
1. Remove yodels from package and slice evenly.
2. Begin lining the yodels along the inside of a large bowl as if you are forming a bowl within a bowl.
3. Once the inside of the bowl is completely lined, fill one half with chocolate ice cream and the other half with the vanilla.
4. Use any remaining yodels as the base for the cake.
5. Cover the top of the bowl with aluminum foil and then flip it upside down onto a large plate or baking sheet.
6. Place it in the freezer until you wish to serve it.

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## Lyndon's Album Reviews

*The Voltaire Twins present a very electronic EP*

**Lyndon Seitz**  
A&E Editor

**Waxeater: Sleeper** – For the most part, this rock album just came across as noise to me, a mess of drums and guitars that existed to be noisy. It's certainly on the heavier side of music, and while this isn't necessarily a bad thing, execution is everything.

This execution is less than perfect. I'm pretty sure I heard sounds that I wasn't sure the human vocal chords were capable of. These sounds were not pleasant at all. I wouldn't recommend this to anyone

who does not want to help the pharmaceutical industry by means of increased migraine prescriptions.

**Wax Tailor: Hope and Sorrow** – In many ways this album sounds a lot more like a beat tape than anything else; it seemed that this was the planned aesthetic at least. There is something greater than the various parts at work here; each of the songs has something special about it, and the listener is shown a lot of things that can be done with hip-hop. It doesn't hurt that most of the tracks are great to listen to. Some people may not like it, but anyone who

approaches it with an open mind will likely find it was worth a listen.

**Voltaire Twins: Romulus** – This is a four track, mostly electronic EP that seemed to be a little above the standard fare, though it lacks musical innovation. It has most of the same sounds and structures that one would expect the second you first hear it. All four tracks are about equal in quality, and I wouldn't be able to tell them apart too easily. I'm not sure whether to recommend it, but it certainly is an acceptable effort and I hope they develop their style as time goes on.

**Vivian Darkbloom: Know Your Exit** – This is an upper-tier rock album that stood out to me from the very beginning. One could tell that a lot of effort and precision went into the making of the album, and to the listener, the benefit is easily noticeable. I'm not certain if the music breaks down any barriers or reaches new heights, but most music doesn't anyway. "Hysterical" is one of the standout tracks, as well as the opening track, so check them out if you are on the fence. I recommend it to most rock fans out there.

**Vintage Blue: Strike**

**the Mics** – This is rock and roll with what I think might be a slight southern influence (although it is barely noticeable if you aren't listening for it). When this album shines, it does great, especially on their slower tracks or the ones which have a nice rhythm. The sound is unified throughout the album though, and the album has a good progression with high points and low points. This is an album I recommend listening to in one sitting; I suspect that it will be better to experience listening to something a little more old-school all at once.

## Escape

by Hayley Rebmann

Your eyes,

light up like night stars,  
and glisten through the dark sky,

I see through him,  
and beauty that lies within,  
your grace and presence,  
floods my heart with happiness,  
blood rushes through my veins,  
faster than the river flows,  
your voice echoes,

so softly and sweet,  
in the walls of my soul,  
you keep me alive,  
you keep me awake,  
my body aches,  
while my mind stays away,  
it's all so natural and takes  
over,  
you've released me,  
don't let me go,  
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# owls athletics

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ANDREW BURKE, EDITOR

## Women's LAX continues hot streak



Taylor Eaton (15) and Jen Carew (9) look to move the ball upfield for another goal against Fitchburg State. The team started slow at 1-3, but are 5-1 since then and don't look to be slowing down anytime soon behind goal scorers Meg Griffin and Blair Smith.

### WSU Athletic Department

The Women's Lacrosse team has won five of their last six games after starting the season 1-3. They continued their hot streak with wins over Fitchburg State and Eastern Connecticut last week.

Stephanie Lenhardt scored a game-high seven points (2 goals, 5 assists) and Blair Smith and Lee Meskevich each had three goals and an assist to lead Westfield State University to a 15-11 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) victory over Fitchburg State University on Saturday, April 5.

Westfield held on for the home victory to move to 2-0 in the MASCAC and 5-4 overall. Fitchburg drops to 0-2 and 2-6.

Westfield jumped out to a 10-4 halftime lead and took an 11-4 lead 29 seconds into the second half on a Smith goal from a Lenhardt feed.

Fitchburg then tallied five unanswered goals over the next 14 minutes to pull within two, 11-9, at the 15-minute mark.

Westfield regrouped to outscore Fitchburg, 4-1, over the next seven minutes to take a 15-10 lead with 7:30 remaining.

Also scoring twice for the Owls were Caroline Smart and Taylor Eaton. Senior Jen Carew had game

highs of five ground balls and seven draw controls.

Ali Laferriere and Lindsay White each scored three goals for the Falcons. Laferriere also had a team high six draw controls.

Westfield easily outshot Fitchburg, 44-20.

Seven players scored for Westfield State University, including a game-high three goals from freshman Caroline Smart (Weymouth, Mass.), as the Owls rolled to a 13-5 non-conference women's lacrosse victory over Eastern Connecticut State University on Tuesday evening, April 8.

Westfield boosted its record to 6-4 in winning its fourth consecutive game. Eastern Connecticut drops to 2-9.

After a scoreless opening 10 minutes, Westfield took a 1-0 lead at the 19:34 mark as junior Blair Smith (Milford, Mass.) and Lee Meskevich (Becket, Mass./Wahconah Regional) teamed up for the game's first goal. Smith and Meskevich each finished the game with two goals, one assist and four draw controls.

Westfield took a 2-0 lead with 14:41 remaining in the first half when Smart scored the first of her three goals. The Owls picked up the pace as they led 6-1 at the intermission.

Westfield's biggest lead was 12-2 at the 17:32 mark. Also scoring two goals

for the Owls was freshman Meghan O'Brien (Haver, Mass.). Senior Jen Carew (Billerica, Mass.) led the Owl defense with five ground balls and two caused turnovers.

Scoring two goals apiece for Eastern Connecticut were Karen Trescott (Somers, Conn.) and Erin Conn (Morriches, N.Y.).

Eastern Connecticut goalie Taylor Emmerson (Colchester, Conn.) recorded eight saves while Westfield freshman goalie Emma Kervick (Wilbraham, Mass.) had six stops. The team is now 6-4 on the season. They play at Keene State next on Thursday, April 10.

### **Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events**

#### *Thursday, April 3rd*

Softball vs WNEC (DH)  
W 5-4, L 1-2  
Baseball vs. UMass Boston  
L 13-16

#### *Saturday, April 5th*

Baseball/Softball (DH) vs Bridgewater State L 1-2, L 2-3  
W LAX at Fitchburg State W 15-11  
M/W AIC Yellow Jacket Invite 13th/9th Place

#### *Sunday, April 6th*

Baseball/Softball (DH) at Mass. Maritime B L 1-9, W 8-1 S W 22-1, W 21-1

#### *Monday, April 7th*

Baseball at Coast Guard W 3-2

#### *Tuesday, April 8th*

W LAX vs ECSU W 13-5

### **Upcoming Owls Athletics Events**

#### *Thursday, April 10th*

Softball (DH) vs. Keene State  
Baseball vs. UMass Dartmouth 3:30 p.m.  
W LAX at Keene State 7:00

#### *Saturday, April 12th*

Softball (DH) at Worcester State  
Baseball (DH) at Worcester State  
W LAX vs. Worcester State M/W Track at Westfield State Meet

#### *Tuesday, April 15th*

Softball (DH) at MCLA  
Baseball (DH) at MCLA  
W LAX at Bridgewater State 7:00 p.m.

#### *Wednesday, April 16th*

Baseball vs Western New England 3:30

# Tie Previews World Cup

## USMNT a conundrum in draw with Mexico

**Connor Swan**  
Voice Reporter

Let's start with this. What a game! In a game where kick off wasn't until 11 p.m. ET, the USA battled Mexico to a 2-2 draw in a game full of agony, excitement and ripe with controversy.

As it was played on US soil, the United States found itself playing largely without its European based players, most notably the ever dangerous Jozy Altidore and keeper Tim Howard. Despite these absences, the US was able to hold their own against an ever-troublesome Mexican squad.

This was a game that was really a tale of two halves. In the first half, the United States looked sharp, with effective passing particularly from Toronto F.C forward Michael Bradley. Bradley also notched himself the first goal of the game on a beautiful corner kick delivered by Graham Zusi to the back post.

The US followed this up with a second goal from Chris Wondolowski to take a 2-0 lead into half time. Unfortunately, the US fell apart in the second half and finished the friendly in a 2-2 draw.

There are some key

takeaways from the game, including the incredible play of Michael Bradley.

Easily the first star of the match, Bradley not only scored the first goal but he continuously set up his teammates with crisp and incisive passing and ball movement that set up a goal to Eddie Johnson that was waved off due to an incredibly questionable offside call that robbed the US of victory. Other positives included Besler and Beltran providing solid support on the backline and Wondolowski continues to make a strong case for a trip to Brazil.

The biggest cause of concern has got to be the increasingly poor form of center back Omar Gonzalez. Mexico's first goal came off of a header by Rafael Marquez on which Gonzalez, who was assigned Marquez, lost his mark badly.

He then repeated this mistake later when Pulido managed to put back an easy rebound while Gonzalez looked as though he had never played defense before in his life. If the United States wants to make it out of a loaded group in the World Cup, they will need Gonzalez to figure out what is going on, as he is the key figure of their defense.

To end on a higher note,

Thursday's game against Mexico doubled as the debut of German American, Julian Green, on the USMNT.

The 18-year-old Bayern Munich reserve player used his one time international side switch to change allegiance from Germany to

the United States. Though US fans should not expect Green to contribute much or at all this year at the World Cup, he has the potential to develop the speed, striking, and instincts for the game that coach Jurgen Klinsmann so craves.

The United States

looked like a team ready to take on the world in the first half, but an inconsistent side in the second. It will be interesting to see how the team develops over the course of the coming months; but for now, the boys look to be in good shape for Brazil.

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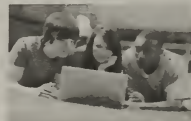
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# Huskies Win Both Tournament Titles

*Connecticut completes NCAA championship sweep for second time*



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*Napier and his fellow seniors Tyler Olander and Niels Giffey are the only players to win and NCAA championship in their freshman and senior years with the same team.*

**Jon Rebmann**  
Voice Reporter

The 7th seeded Connecticut Huskies defeated the 8th seeded Kentucky Wildcats in the NCAA Tournament final 60-54 to give the Huskies their second title in four years and their fourth national title in 15 years. This comes just one year after the NCAA imposed sanctions on UConn after

poor academic performance ruled them ineligible for the postseason.

This was the first time in NCAA Tournament history that a 7 seed played an 8 seed, where UConn had to overcome tough wins against St. Joseph's (OT), Villanova, Iowa State, Michigan State, and top seeded Florida. Kentucky, however, faced a much tougher challenge as an eighth seed, surging

past Kansas State, Wichita State (handing the Shockers their only loss of the season), Louisville, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

Kentucky, however, was expected early on to finish well after receiving a preseason #1 AP ranking. However, Florida remained a step ahead throughout the season, winning 30 straight games and the outright SEC title by six games.

Both teams had barely squeaked by, with Kentucky freshman Aaron Harrison and Connecticut senior Shabazz Napier both making clutch last minute shots in crucial games. Harrison and the Wildcats beat the Michigan Wolverines on a last minute three pointer to give the Wildcats a 75-72 victory, and less than a week later hit another last minute shot to give Kentucky a 74-73 victory over Wisconsin.

Napier on the other hand, who was a freshman when the Huskies won it all in 2011, scored 22 points and shot 8 for 16 from the field, which helped solidify himself as the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four. Napier played a huge role for the Huskies in the Tournament, posting an average of 21.2 PPG, 5.5 RPG, and 4.5 APG, which will certainly help his draft stock this coming July. James Young led Kentucky with 20 points on a team that started five freshmen in a Championship Game for the first time since Michigan's 1992 Fab Five played against North Carolina. He also grabbed seven rebounds and committed only three turnovers.

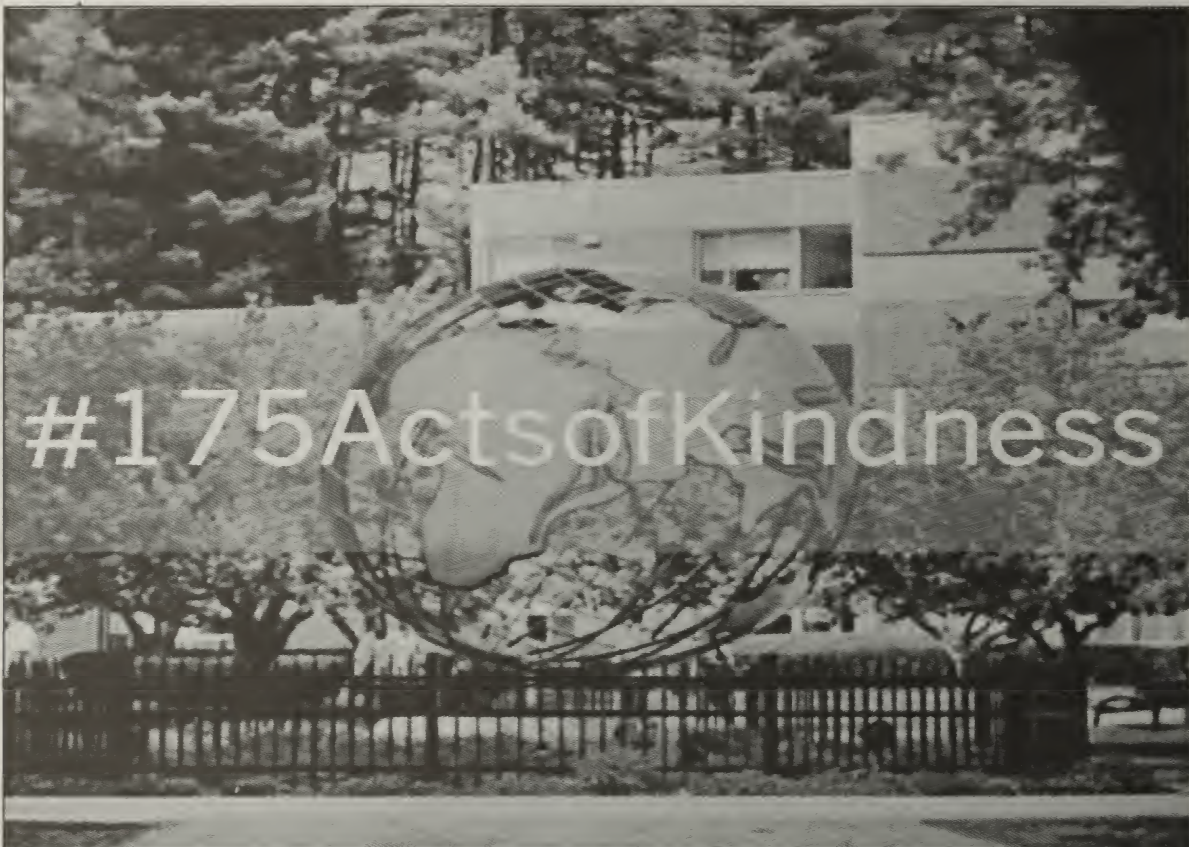
When asked about his win over the Wildcats, Napier remarked he's "hungry like a wolf". Napier went on to say "this is what happens when you ban us", referring to UConn's ban from post-

season play sanctioned last year by the NCAA.

UConn's championship comes in the second year of Kevin Ollie's coaching career, who took over the head coaching job after legendary coach Jim Calhoun resigned after 26 seasons. Unfortunately, with the departure of Napier, the Huskies will likely be unable to repeat. However, they exceeded all expectations this year after their move into the American Athletic Association, where they managed to stay in the running all year against Louisville, Cincinnati and Memphis.

UConn captured another championship after the women's team won the Women's NCAA Tournament giving Geno Auriemma his ninth title, all of which are with UConn. The Huskies beat undefeated Notre Dame 79-58 in the first championship game between undefeated teams in NCAA college basketball history. With their 40-0 finish, the Huskies matched the record for most wins in a season.

On behalf of the Westfield Voice and myself, congratulations to the UConn men's and women's teams on their national titles! This year will likely go down as being one of the most memorable and exciting tournaments on both sides. Guess they don't call it March Madness for nothing!



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Woodward Center for the university's first Relay for Life.

According to Teague and Clo-sius, there were a lot more who stayed than were expected. A lot of times, participants would leave the event to return to their own beds to sleep and return for closing ceremonies. That was not the case here.

"It was most likely the hourly drawings that kept people," joked Clo-

sius.

They held hourly raffles for a Mo-FroYo basket, a Keurig coffee maker, a blender, an iPad mini, and other smaller items.

They were surprised with how successful it was and look forward to next year.

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standing of state requirements for signatures authorizing spending

Improving campus-wide communi-

cations of A&F policies, procedures and deadlines

Separating internal audit and budget functions and creating a direct reporting relationship between internal auditing and the board.

The University has asked the Comptroller to return to campus in one year to review the progress the University had made.

The report also referenced to the problem of high turnover in the position of Vice President of

Administration & Finance – the position chiefly responsible for setting and ensuring compliance with financial policies, procedures and controls. The Office of the Comptroller was assisted in developing the report by Kurt Steinberg, Executive Vice President of the Massachusetts College of Art and Design.

The full report of the Comptroller will be posted at: [www.westfieldstate.ma.edu/movingforward](http://www.westfieldstate.ma.edu/movingforward).

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# Horoscopes Games & Maze

## Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

We know you have the orb. You need to return the orb. If you do not return the orb, the stars will suffer greatly. Do you really wish to make the ultimate master of your fate suffer so much? What have the stars ever done to you?

## Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

Have you seen the roar of the lion? Have you heard the color blue during the sunrise? Have you felt the scent of lilacs after a rain? These are the important things in life and they are what you must focus on this week.

## Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

To be awesome or to be even more awesome? It isn't even close to a question for you, as there is no ability to tell. You are simply getting more and more amazing as the seconds pass. What more needs to be said?

## Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

Ask what could go wrong again. Go ahead, the stars dare you, ask it again, ask "what could go wrong" again. You know what, the stars double-dog-dare you, ask it again. See what happens.

## Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

You are digging your own grave with some of the decisions you have been making recently. Reconsider your habits and try to avoid the rabbit meat you have putting into your diet as of late. It's just not good for you.

## Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

Whether you are in favor of the new hunting laws or not, you have to admit that it is a thrill. Of course, there is nothing like the thrill of hunting the most dangerous game. The most dangerous game is something you can't go back from, even if you wanted to.

## Libra

(September 23 - October

## 22)

You should know about the brand new things that are coming out now and that you absolutely need them to survive in today's fast-paced world. You also absolutely need to buy the correct brand of these brand new things to get ahead.

## Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

The day you were born, you were meant to do it. Wait for the signal; the stars know you are ready as you are. Try not to worry. The codes are already in line. The stars are in their proper place.

## Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

Master control of your own body and you will be able to do extraordinary things. Once you do that, you will be able to master your mind. Master your mind and you might be able to set things on fire with thought. You want to do that, don't you?

## Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

Of all the things that you could be doing right now, you're doing that. Yes, the stars know. Stop doing that thing you are doing, it's repulsive, really. Why do you feel the need to do it, is there something wrong? Is everything ok at home?

## Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

Your intentions here are mistaken. Do not pass go, and most certainly do not collect \$200 (unless you really need gas money). Go directly to jail.

## Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

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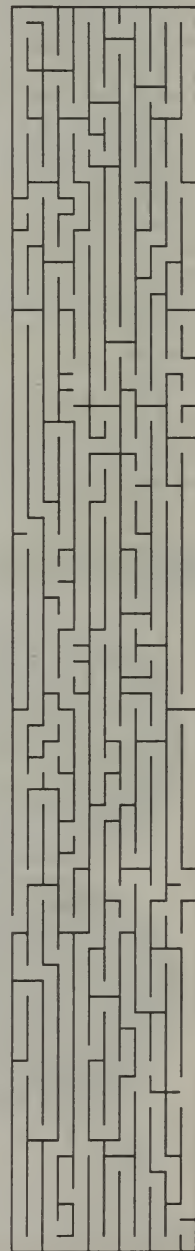
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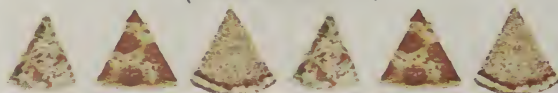


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### Class of 2016 holds Buzz-Off for Cancer; event raises over \$7,000

**Joshua Clark**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Westfield State University is abuzz with community service and charitable fundraising. This past Sunday, it was the class of 2016's turn to put on an event that would be widely successful.

Their event, called "Buzz Off, Cancer," was held in the Scanlon Banquet Hall. It garnered an audience of about 50 to 60 people, coming to watch administrators and their friends shave their heads.

Notable members of the administration who shaved their heads included Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs; Allison O'Donnell, residence director of University Hall; and Amy Szlachetka, director of the Campus Center.

The team that raised the money was "Team Awesome Cookies," who was made up of four students. They raised over \$2,000.

The event at Westfield State is based off of a larger event. One Mission founded the Kid's Cancer Buzz-Off, which is the original event, four years ago. According to their website, in four short years, 5,860 heads were shaved with \$1,846,183 raised.

The idea to hold the event on



*The Buzz-Off participants and the Class of 2016 Council at the event on Sunday. The event raised over \$7,000 for One Mission, an organization that works to raise money for children with cancer.*

campus started with Shannon Cullinane, representative of the class of 2016 to the Student Government Association, who found out about the larger event and presented it to class of 2016 president Ryan Losco and the council.

According to Losco, they were sold and immediately began working on bringing it to Westfield State.

"I wanted to organize this event because the money goes to a great cause," Losco said in a news

release. "The families who have children battling with cancer are in financial debt and the money we raise is going to support them through this difficult time. Cancer is something that can affect anyone so it is important to help those in need because one day we could be in their shoes."

While Rob Gronkowski was able to bring notoriety to the larger event, the Westfield State event is considered a success because it is in its first year.

Sunday's event raised over \$6,000, however, the total donations raised as of press time amount to over \$7,000. People can still donate to the cause until June 8, the date of One Mission's Buzz-Off at Gillette Stadium.

Fifty or sixty students and members of the campus community came to watch 17 participants

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## News from other schools

### *The Daily Collegian,*

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UMass coaches, teammates and community members express support for Derrick Gordon's decision to come out as the first openly gay Division I men's basketball player.

### *The Harvard Crimson,*

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Students danced, sang, and performed spoken word during the annual Faces of Africa show in Lowell Lecture Hall.

### *The Daily Campus,*

UNIV. OF CONNECTICUT

Due to debate and disagreement among senators, the Undergraduate Student Government voted to postpone a vote on legislation establishing the University of Connecticut's support of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution limiting political campaign contributions by corporations.

### *The Daily Orange,*

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Karin Ruhlandt, chair of the department of chemistry, was named as interim dean designate for the College of Arts and Sciences

## Student Government Association finishes their triennial Constitutional Review process

*Ryan Caulfield*

SGA Correspondent

*Joshua Clark*

Editor-in-Chief

Every three years, The Student Government Association has an obligation to handle the revision of their constitution.

To do this task, a committee must be formed. The Constitutional Review Committee is made up of the president of the Student Government, one or two executive board members, the parliamentarian, and one member from each class.

A change they had made to the constitution altered the amount of executive board members that sit on the committee from "one to two" to "two." It was one of the changes made to reflect current practice.

The members of the committee were Taylor Fote, president of the SGA and chair of the committee; Rebecca DiVico, vice president of student life; Andrew McCormack, vice president of academic life; Jennifer McDiarmid, parliamentarian; Stone Koury, member of class of 2014; Joshua Clark of the class of 2015; Ryan Losco of the class of 2016; and Dany Chamberlain of the class of 2017.

Originally, Richard Darch of the class of 2015 and Joshua Frank, vice president of finance, were appointed to the committee. Since they have a role on the Rules and Regulations Committee, the body that would review the changes that the Constitutional Review Committee makes, they stepped down.

"Legislature."

Changing "college" to "university" was among some of the other changes. All of these name changes may seem unimportant to what the SGA actually does in meetings, but the changes symbolize consistency and order.

It also helps to correct future mistakes from future SGA councils.

However, other motions on the constitution got some attention. The motion to require the vice president of student life to serve as chair of the SGA meeting when directed by the president was one of the first commented motions.

Steve Mailloux, representative-at-large, was in favor of keeping the parliamentarian as the chair when appointed by the president like it has been in previous years. He said, "I don't see this as a necessary change, I see it more as a power stripping of the parliamentarian."

Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, said that the main reason for the change is that the parliamentarian would have lot on their plate coming into this academic year and it is easier to make the vice president of student life head of the chair during the meetings.

Another debate was the uses of alternates. By definition, an alternate is a full-time undergraduate student in any class that sits in for a SGA representative that could not make it to a meeting. The alternate cannot vote or be an active voice in discussions. They are there to gather information about the meeting and report back

Once the committee was formed, they met every other Tuesday and then over the course of two Sundays to review every letter of the constitution for grammar, logic, and practicality.

They read through each section once on their own, making notes of things they wanted to bring up. After they went through the entire document once, they then did it all over again but as a group.

After they had finished reviewing each section and making their changes, they sent it to the Rules and Regulations Committee, where Fote and McDiarmid presented it to the committee and were able to weigh in before sending it to the full Senate.

The Rules and Regulations Committee changed the few grammar, spelling, and logic errors that the Constitutional Review Committee had missed. Once Rules and Regulations approved it, it was sent to the Senate for their approval.

This year, the Senate passed over fifty changes to the constitution.

The majority of the changes consisted of grammatical changes and policy changes in order to reflect current practice.

For instance, the constitution referred to gender pronouns, which were made neutral in the new version.

Also, they officially named the legislators "representatives" as opposed to the many names that they were previously called, such as "senator." They also officially changed their collective name from "Senate" to

to the representative that sent them there.

The SGA discussed if alternates could vote. Brittany Moniz, president of the class of 2014, said, "If you were sending an alternate, you could inform them and they can vote on your behalf."

Ryan Losco, president of the class of 2016, addressed Moniz's statement and said, "I don't think alternates should be able to vote because we were elected to do that."

Matthew Carlin, representative-at-large, also added to the mix and asked, "Can executive board send alternates? Should something be put in for them?" This question stumped most representatives because executive councilors rarely miss a meeting.

Eventually, the majority of the SGA agreed that the alternate does not assume the responsibilities of the representative.

The rest of the motions were overwhelmingly – if not unanimously – approved.

By way of procedure, the SGA had to run through all 55 motions once again so that it could be formally approved.

They had run through all of the motions so dizzyingly fast that onlookers could not keep up.

The document will be officially approved once the minutes from the April 15 meeting are formally approved at the April 22 meeting.

The new constitution will go into effect at the start of the next academic year. It will be reviewed once again by the 2016-2017 Legislature.



## Class of 2015 Council begins planning the second annual Out of the Darkness walk

**Victoria Landry**  
Voice Contributor

The class of 2015 has had a busy spring semester as they prepare for their last event of the year.

On Friday, May 2, they will be hosting the Out of the Darkness Campus Walk, on the campus green at 6pm.

The Out of the Darkness Campus Walks are organized through the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP).

According to their website for the Campus Walks, the ASFP states that "in the United States, a person dies by suicide every 13.7 minutes, claiming more than 38,000 lives each year.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for college students, and the third for youth ages 15-24, with adolescent depres-

sion—undiagnosed, untreated, or both—as the number one cause." This topic is not far from many of our hearts as adolescent depression is becoming more prominent in college-aged students, the class council wanted to continue supporting this event.

The class of 2015 has been working tirelessly on many small events to get ready and get the word out about the event.

"The 175 Random Acts of Kindness Campaign has truly been inspiring, a special thank you goes out Allison Gagne for thinking of the original idea. The response with the Chain Link Smiles was very successful with over 300 links added and more added everyday," said Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2015.

He added, "Even though suicide aware-

ness can be a very hard conversation, the celebration of life and hope is worth it in the end."

Here are some basic steps to register: Begin by going to [afsp.donordrive.com](http://afsp.donordrive.com), click on the link to "Out of the Darkness Campus Walks," follow the link to "Find an Event," choose the Westfield State University event on May 2, and from there you may choose to "Register Now" or choose to "Join a Team" from the list on the right side.

Every Monday at 8 p.m. until the walk, the council will be facilitating open planning sessions in the University Hall meeting room and the public is more than welcome to join as this event approaches swiftly!

If you have any questions, suggestions or feedback, please email [classof2015@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:classof2015@westfield.ma.edu).

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# student government

## *Student Government Association completes review of constitution and continues discussion of commencement location*

**Ryan Caulfield**  
SGA Correspondent

With three Student Government Association meetings left this semester, SGA representatives are busy as bees and are getting ready to end another long year at Westfield State University.

Before the second part of the constitutional review started, Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, took the podium to give her weekly report. She said that all students, especially underclassmen, should consider taking the survey on when and where future commencement ceremonies should be held. The survey is being taken very seriously and will help the student voice on campus be heard and make a strong impact on the final decision, Fote said. (More information about the survey will be reported on further into this article).

Fote then announced that the Liquid Galaxy project would be open to the public in the library at 4 p.m. on April 23. She also said there is a speaker series with Josh Simpson, renowned glass artist, and Cady Coleman, NASA's most senior active astronaut, on campus at 7 p.m. on the first floor of University Hall.

Fote lastly accepted

the resignation of Luis Arzola, president of the commuter council.

Jennifer McDiarmid, parliamentarian, spoke after Fote to continue going over the SGA constitution and review the previous motions from last week's meeting. The SGA did not add any new motions, but went through and approved only previous motions made from last week.

One SGA representative commented on a motion about a policy regarding absences in a committee meeting, which was the only stoppage during the process, making the second half of the constitutional review much faster than the first.

McDiarmid said that the SGA passed 56 new motions to the constitution, which will go into effect for next year's SGA.

Stone Koury, student trustee, went over the Board of Trustees meeting that was held on Thursday, April 10. Three personnel were promoted to professor, and 12 to associate professor. The new science building, which is to be built next to Wilson Hall, is on the correct budget and on the right track to start breaking ground anytime from Aug. 15 to Sept. 1, Koury said.

He ended by announcing that another State

House Day would be held in Boston on April 28. The trip will be for students who wish to talk to state representatives for funding higher education and seeing how things operate at the State House.

Joshua Clark, representative-at-large, reported on the All University Committee meeting. He said that the open forum last Wednesday went very well, stating that a good amount of students and faculty attended. The debate in the forum was about the location of commencement. The two sides of the debate include having commencement at the MassMutual Center in Springfield or at Westfield State University on the campus green. "There were passionate arguments on both sides and we were able to take a lot of good information from the forum," Clark said.

A lot of people at the forum said that it should be up to the students to decide, he said. Clark said that the online survey, which has questions on where commencement should be, is a good way to hear the student voice on the matter. He said that there is an open area on the survey for students to give a place where commencement should be and AUC will consider all possibilities.

Clark said that it is ultimately up to Liz Preston, interim president, to make the call. AUC just sends a recommendation to the president, and does not make the final decision.

Steve Mailloux, representative at large, said that AUC was putting on a scheme and already made a decision on voting towards the MassMutual Center. He said all the information about how the MassMutual Center is better than the campus is put out in a biased way. "I'm just concerned that you guys really are not giving a fair shake to the campus community," Mailloux said.

Rebecca DiVico, vice president of student life, said Mailloux's argument was solid, but the AUC has taken precautions to stay objective. "If we did not have a forum, or a survey, someone would have said 'we did not get our opinions voiced,' so we really took other opinions into consideration."

Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2015, asked when this decision will affect the next class. Clark said that the class of 2015 would be affected by this decision.

Alexis Wagner, executive secretary, gave the Parking Control Board report. She announced that due the construction

work on the new science building near Wilson Hall, there would be 150 spots lost in commuter parking lot.

Steven Kligerman, vice president of programming, said that concert tickets are selling well and so far 800 tickets have been sold. Students can get them at the dining commons.

Ryan Losco, president of the class of 2016, gave many thanks to those who came to the buzz off for cancer event. He said the charity has collected over \$7,000. A check will be hand-delivered on June 8 at Gillette Stadium to the official buzz off event.

Fote gave great praise to Losco and his council for working the charity event and the rest of the SGA gave a round of applause.

Before the meeting officially closed, Dr. Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs, wanted to give recognition to all the students who worked on the Relay For Life event for the school. The school's first ever Relay raised over \$39,000.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be April 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.



# Making an Impact with the Month Celebrating Women

**Ola Smialek**  
Voice Contributor

As the month of March has come to an end, the final Month Celebrating Women events are drawing to a close. Dr. Shoba Sharad Rajgopal of the Ethnic and Gender Studies Department and Ron'na Lytle, the Administrative Assistant for both the Ethnic and Gender Studies Departments, have worked tirelessly to make this month a success. Organized under the Ethnic and Gender Studies Department with input from other various departments across campus, the month's events were bound to be diverse. Hosting multiple events, ranging from open classrooms to readings, from panels to lectures, and talks to discussions, has allowed the campus to open itself up to the important issues regarding women today.

What started off as a week-long celebration organized by the then, Women's Studies Program here at Westfield State, is now a month-long tribute to women with plays, guest speakers, panel discussions, and movie screenings. This is one amazing accomplishment for the Westfield State University campus community. The larger scale celebration allows for an even greater impact.

"Each generation needs to discover the importance of women's activism, women's rights, women's history, and what women are involved in," Dr. Rajgopal states. As one of the few campuses that dedicates a whole month to the celebration of women, we hope to aid in that discovery. Unfortunately, many

believe that feminism is in the past and is no longer necessary in today's society; however, Dr. Rajgopal disagrees saying, "We need it more than ever." The dismissal of women's issues is exactly the opposite of what should be happening and that is why last month's events carried such great importance.

Open classrooms gave a glimpse into what our students were learning about in relation to women's issues during the course of the Spring 2014 semester. Open classrooms during the Month Celebrating Women included Dr. Elizabeth Stassinis' "Writing Feminism in Prison," as well as, Professor Nazgol Shifteh's "The Art of Asking Questions: Reporting about Women in the Middle East" which discussed how asking the "right questions" could help change the inaccurate stereotypes held about Middle Eastern women. Dr. Shoba Sharad Rajgopal's "Queer in South Asia" film screening of Director Karan Johar's "Bombay Talkies," explored the difficulties of finding one's sexuality, living a lie, and all of the emotions involved. In a classroom setting, students were able to talk about women's issues, like those dealing with sexuality, oppression, and prejudice, while amongst their peers. The classroom environment encouraged discussion and questions, which would lead to further discourse outside of the classroom. Having these courses here at Westfield State allows for more exposure to the issues individuals have to experience on a day-to-day basis, even in today's society, where many dismiss deep rooted issues.

Readings were pre-

sented during this month, as well. Professor Leah Nielsen had a poetry reading, which included poems from her new chapbook *Side Effects May Include* and other works. There was a staff and student reading of "For Color Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf," directed by Ron'na Lytle, which was a series of poems in which the struggles and obstacles African-American women may face throughout their lifetimes were expressed. Poetry came back again when Kate Rushin returned to the Westfield State Campus to read some of her works.

All of these readings offered a new perspective on women's issues. Poetry offers a creative outlet unlike any other. Sometimes issues cannot be expressed the way we want them to and poetry offers the option to say what one wants to say on a different platform. Also, because poetry is subjective, these readings allowed the audience to interpret for themselves and in turn relate to the pieces presented.

Speaking of platforms, panel discussions were also a part of the Month Celebrating Women. Panel discussions open the dialogue between the panelists and the audience, often in a conversational setting followed by a question and answer period. The "Good Hair" discussion panel was focused on conversations surrounding how people perceive brown/black women's beauty, success, confidence, and more, whether it be focused on hair type, skin color, or preferred or assumed ethnicities. Coordinated by two Ethnic and Gender Studies majors, LaToyya

Pleasant and Simbriit Paskins, along with M.A.D.E., the "Good Hair" panel tackled many issues. The panel was organized to offer all different types of perspectives on the issue of hair and other societal perceptions because as Pleasant said, "No one person is the same." A panelist and student, Alisha Delissaint said that the "Good Hair" panel needed to happen because it is "Important for people to understand the everyday issues for a black female." The panel was an eye-opening experience for all.

Vicki Krouse, also a student here at Westfield State University, really enjoyed the panel, saying it "opened my eyes to issues I didn't know about." The panel, along with all of the other events during the Month Celebrating Women was important to Krouse, who stated, "It is important that people understand the problems women face today."

Another panel discussion, the last event of the Month, was the Muslim Women's Panel Discussion titled "The Hussein Sisters: Local Bullying in the Here and Now." Najma, Hibo, and Filsan Hussein are teenage Somali women who were born in Kenya and moved to the United States. Their struggles with bullying, Islamophobia, and hate were presented. The intention of the event being to illuminate the issues regarding religious bullying, to hear personal accounts of these acts, and to plan an appropriate response to the troubles the three sisters have faced in the West Springfield Public Schools. The moderator, Dr. Kamal Ali, held this discussion during classroom time.

This event brought out many emotions in the audience. Some eyes were filled with anger while others were filled with tears after hearing the terrible experiences these young women had to go through time and time again. This panel, along with the "Good Hair" panel, was unlike anything presented on this campus. The panelists and audience members connected on a deeper level, because we all became part of the same community. A community that was open to share the struggles and troubles we all may face.

The final genre of events was discussions and lectures. A presentation on "Audre Lorde: The Berlin Years 1984 – 1992" talked about the highly influential, award winning African-American lesbian poet who came to live in West Berlin and was the mentor and catalyst who ignited the Afro-German movement. Denise Jordan, a 20-year employee of the Commonwealth, came for a discussion titled "Women in Municipal Government" in which she talked about her experiences as a woman in the government and her expertise in the areas of Civil Rights, Equal Employment Opportunities, Human Resources, and more. The final discussion included art and was titled, "Butch: Not like the other girls." In this discussion, photographer SD Holman delineated the term "butch" and used images to honor the beauty, power, and diversity of women who transgressed the gender binary. These discussions allowed for greater audience participation, which then allowed for a greater connection

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## From 'The Voice' Vault

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## WSC student ID's evolve

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The new year begins with new photo ID's for Westfield State College students that offer more features. Freshman started the year with the new cards but the problem being faced is replacing the old cards.

"Our goal is to get all the cards turned over by the end of the semester," said Rico Portalatin, campus card program manager. He said that the old cards will still work but as the system updates the cards will not be able to do as much.

Portalatin said that the

reason for the update is to be able to offer more features, such as Owl and Sodekho Bucks. Other features include better durability and better photo quality.

The new cards are replacing Flex dollars with Sodekho and Owl Bucks. Students with meal plans receive a total of \$100 that can be used at any Sodekho location, such as Subway and Jazzman's Café.

Sodekho Bucks do not carry over from semester to semester and are not refundable. Since they are a component of having a meal plan they cannot be purchased.

Students wishing to add money to their cards can do so by

adding Owl Bucks, which are similar to the older Flex dollar system. Owl Bucks can be used at any on campus food location including the vending machines. They can also be used at the campus bookstore.

The Owl Bucks balance transfers from semester to semester and year to year. When a student graduates or withdraws they are refunded in full credit back to the students account.

A 10 percent discount is offered at locations on campus. The discount will be taken at register and shown on the receipt. Owl Bucks may be purchased at any time during the school year at Wilson Hall 140B.

Students will receive a statement at the end of every semester stating their balance. Balances can also be found at the office.

Portalatin said that they are working to have the cards offer much more to students. He said that although this may be much further down the road, they are also working on having the cards work in the laundry rooms, copy machines and perhaps even with vendors in town.

Another possibility that Portalatin said they are exploring is using the cards for the dorms

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## ID cards

instead of a tech key. "We're following the footsteps of the other campuses and universities," he said.

Portalatin said that he hopes the students will have their card updated by the end of the semester. If students bring their old cards to the office in Wilson they can trade it in and there will be no charge for the new card. However, if students

**"We're following the footsteps of other campuses and universities"**  
**-Rico Portalatin**

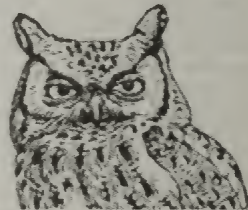
lost their old ID's they will have to pay \$10 for the new ID. After the student has his or her new card it

will cost \$20 to replace a lost, stolen or damaged card.

He also said that students should not punch holes into

these cards. Doing so could result in early damage to the card. It could ruin the magnetic strip and the student will be forced to replace the card for a \$20 fee.

Any student with questions regarding the new cards can contact Portalatin at Wilson 104B or by calling extension 8148.



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## State Education Program Lacking, Says Panel

## Westfield State Scores Better Than Norm

By MICHAEL KEEGAN

Teacher preparation programs in Massachusetts are substandard according to a year-long study by a panel of education experts, the Boston Globe reported.

The study primarily criticized state education programs at the graduate level, saying none at this time meet accepted standards.

The report of this study has induced the Board of Regents of Higher Education to temporarily curtail any new teacher-education programs at the state's colleges and universities.

And although Westfield State was part of the state-wide study, most of the general criticisms that the panel made were not as applicable to the college, according to a Westfield faculty member.

"In this specific report Westfield did well," said Bruce Gordon, Ed.D., chairman of the college's education department. "Although we do have our weaknesses, such as graduate education, we do have some well designed programs."

Gordon said that probably the panel's greatest concern and Westfield's definite weakness involves graduate programs. "In the state college system, graduate education has to be self-supported. This poses problems as far as getting teachers and creates an overload for those that do teach. And although our work is very highly commended by the state, some of the general criticisms of graduate education are indeed valid," Gordon said.

The study criticized that the state programs contained few minority

students as compared to elementary and high school programs. But in Westfield's case that doesn't seem to apply, said Gordon. "The minority representation is no different than in most other programs at the college," he said. "Other state colleges don't have the minorities because of where they're located."

The study, despite the negative findings, did manage to turn up some good news and particularly single out Westfield's educational program. The study reported that one of the reasons for the substandard level of programs is that the quality of students has declined, but not at Westfield State and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, where SAT scores were above the national average.

Some of the general findings did

apply to Westfield's programs, particularly in the criticism that programs were doing too much with too little. "We've had a great deal of teachers who have retired and we found no replacement. This creates a huge overburden on our teachers. It gives them a tremendous amount of responsibility," Gordon noted.

In an overview, however, Gordon feels that this study is a general report of the state system and that Westfield has done particularly well in their educational programs. "The Westfield State College faculty is a very highly thought of faculty in the state college system. We've been very highly commended. Many of the panel's concerns are legitimate, but some of the concerns are not problems at WSC. We're very qualified," said Gordon.

This study comes in the wake of a decision by the state to introduce a new accreditation process for the education programs at Westfield State. The process, which will be attempted for the first time in New England, will combine both state and national accreditation procedures in an attempt to make the process less expensive and more convenient, according to Westfield education professor Bernard Fleury, Ed.D. "This is the first time that this new procedure will be tried in this area," said Fleury. "It came at the suggestion of the state and we thought we would try it."

Fleury, who is in charge of organizing the necessary materials for the accreditation, says the experiment

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will combine two normally separate accreditations that are very costly. "If we can combine both the national and state accreditations, then it could eliminate a great deal of time, money, and effort," said Fleury.

The process will take place February 30 through April 1 and will involve about 4,000 pages of documents.

"It is a very important thing to be happening at Westfield. The state is hoping to set a model form us to use at other institutions," Fleury said.

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# opinions & editorials

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RACE RUGH, EDITOR

## The Conservative View

### "Obamacare has won, Sebelius Resigns" haha, what?

Let's continue our discussion this week on the wonderful subject of Obamacare.

During the week, Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services resigned amidst the failure of what is the Obamacare website.

Apparently her resignation comes to both sides as a celebration, conservatives seeing one of Obama's top picks being tossed aside, and democrats seeing a lightning rod being taken out before midterm elections.

However, it has left a sour taste in some republican mouths, which question: "what does it take to get fired in the Obama administration?"

That is a question that I wish I had the answer to, but I believe no Obama appointee will ever be fired even if they caused a massive failure for a star bill.

Over the time following the resignation, a phenomenon occurred on Twitter. A journalist tweeted that her resignation is due to Obamacare "finally winning", which caused a MAJOR backlash amongst a good majority of twitter users.

The journalist was called out for clearly being biased in his "journalistic" approach to the story.

Former columnist at The Washington Post Ezra Klein tweeted "Kathleen Sebelius is resigning because Obamacare has



**Matt Carlin**  
Asst. Managing Editor

won"... I wish I could have unread that to be quite honest. If I could ask one question to Klein I would just have to ask: were you born this stupid?

Normally I don't bother with the mainstream liberal media outlets, however this week was just too much for me. "Why would Obama let her go if he wasn't sure Obamacare was safe?" That sort of question just inspired me to get up and enjoy a new book... elementary logistics.

Kathleen Sebelius for weeks had been defending the Obamacare website, and yet has proven time and time again that she along with the democratic party, has no idea how to run an efficient website nor how to design workable healthcare law.

Whatever the case, I look forward to the republican alternative to Obamacare, expected to be fully developed by the end of the month, or so I hope.

I think a few things need to be clear before we bother jumping into any more dis-



*Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services, resigned amidst the failure of the Obamacare Website.*

cussion with Obamacare.

The website itself was designed and administered by some of the most unqualified "professionals" the government could find.

The 7.1 million registers that Obama conveniently got before his deadline are not main contributors to the system, but in fact another 7.1 million registers that will "benefit" from the system.

Finally I would like to take the time to recognize the fact that Obamacare is a sinking ship that Democrats are trying to DESTROY themselves from in the November elections.

If the President was so great and his healthcare law so amazing, why is his own party jumping ship and disassociating themselves from him?

Sen. Mark Pryor has reported that instead of fully embracing the Affordable Care Act, he instead says "we got a lot of it right." And is calling on for some changes to the law.

Pryor reports that "that was a hard, hard legislation to pass," and even now it still faces challenges from both side of the aisle. Despite the changes, Pryor is one of the few democrats to have stuck by the Afford-

able Care Act, while still calling for changes.

Alongside Pryor and other senators who are facing strong republican opposition in the senate including Mark Begich, Kay Hagan, and Mark Udall.

I don't understand what people are crying about though; I mean, I am sure that eventually this will benefit a majority of Americans, right?

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## The Liberal View

# Republican intervention prevents Fair Paycheck Bill

**T**imes are hard—we all know this. Every number on our paystubs counts. But of course, Republican senators blocked the Fair Paycheck Bill, causing another filibuster. (This is the third time the Republicans have shot down this bill.)

According to the Huffington Post, the Senate voted 53 to 44 to move forward on the bill, falling short of the 60 votes needed to overcome a Republican-caused filibuster.

This bill would have been extremely important to women because it would have banned employer retaliation against employees consulting with one another about wages.

It's 2014, and women who are as equally quali-

fied as men, and working the same job with the same responsibilities are still likely to earn less money than a man.

It would have been lovely to make tangible steps to eliminate the Glass Ceiling, but once again, progress has yielded to Republican Senators.

The bill would have acted through the Department of Labor, checking for demographics such as race and gender to make sure wages were evenly distributed to women and minorities in the work place.

"Are they so repulsed by equal pay for hardworking women that they'll obstruct equal pay for equal work?" asked Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.)



**Erika Hayden**  
Voice Columnist

The bill would have gone further to increase minimum wage. This is so incredibly important because as Elizabeth Warren had demonstrated last March, that minimum wage should be about \$22 an hour to match work output. Obviously this would be a huge jump from the current \$8/hour.

This is an issue for me,

as I have ranted about before; I work for Dunkin' Donuts with secure hours, at just \$8/hour without tips/holiday/Sunday pay. Minimum wage restaurant jobs are typical for women my age who cannot hold a physically demanding job, balance school and work or kids, or the other day-to-day tasks we try to juggle.

I will not find an entry-level part time job to balance my schedule that will exceed \$10/hour because these jobs are hardly available.

"This is not just an issue of fairness," President Barack Obama said in a speech on Tuesday adding, "It's also a family issue and an economic issue, because women make up about half of our workforce and

they're increasingly becoming the breadwinners for a lot of families out there. So when they make less money, it means less money for gas, less money for groceries, less money for child care, less money for college tuition, and less money going into retirement savings."

America's very history focuses on benefitting the middle class. The middle class represents the majority of Americans. So I ask: why are we not protecting these rights for fair labor?

I fear we will never reach real progress until we can protect our workers and provide security for women, minorities, and above all, families across the nation. They make this country great.

## The Liberal View

# Women need to be equal to men to create a successful country

**Erika Hayden**  
Voice Columnist

**I**t seems strange that after thousands of years of civilizations with technology, science, and medicine, that mankind has not fully appreciated womankind.

Though women make up the majority of this country's population (and the world's), we are treated as a minority based on the known disadvantages we face day-to-day, century after century.

It's curious to think that this role has been portrayed overwhelmingly across the globe for many thousands of years—and yet there are particular known societies in which women were and are revered.

Among these societies are the ancient Mayan,

Egyptian, and Roman.

In these societies there is a core spiritual value, is this what where we are lacking today in the United States? For every progressive urge and power that has swept the United States there has been a counteractive means of spiritual revival of sorts as a reaction. We see this in the Industrial Revolution with the Transcendental Movement and again here and now in the Technology Era.

Both of these movements have been initiated in American culture as an overwhelming phenomenon, which impacts the triangle of economic, social, and political influence on our lives, which then becomes globally recognized.

They are first presented in a powerful and positively changing light,

but it seems that after a while a different agenda is developed and the intentions of the movement shift from where they began.

There is an urge then to revert back to some sort of spiritual movement, which I anticipate seeing in the near future.

In the earlier societies of the world, religion and spirituality were connected to ethics and values, which were reflected in their triangle of economic, social, and political influence. Women had roles that may not have been physically demanding (aside from child birth) but they were at the center of the house nurturing, teaching, and spreading wisdom.

They had roles of sages, priestesses, and educators. They are legendary for self-sacrifice in every meaning of the word, especially for

giving back to the community. As time goes on, westernization takes over and with that the search for logistical philosophies replaces both spirituality and religion.

This is not to say that spirituality and religion are one in the same. There is a certain spirituality that comes with sexuality which women are identified with. When this movement away from any type of spiritual recognition evolves in society, women's sexuality and spirituality is removed from society, roles are reduced to only domestic duties, community reverence is revoked, and for years of progress in fields that are seen as tangible and practical, woman take the back seat.

After many years of industry or long warfare, it seems that women are

the group to begin counter-social change and act as a guide back to our very human basic essentials that include nurturing the mind, sexuality, and spirituality.

The 1960s are a perfect example of this. As the civil rights movement and second wave of feminism, beatnik and hippie countercultures took over, the young generation's basic rights were restored.

Since the second wave of feminism, we entered the age of technology. Women's rights are declining again.

Recent bills have been filibustered to prevent work rights and wages here in the United States. But this is a global phenomenon. In Afghanistan



*From the Editor's Desk*

## ***The Westboro Baptist Church's attempt at protesting Derrick Gordon's announcement brought some thoughts to my mind***

**T**he Westboro Baptist Church paid a visit to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst on Wednesday.

We all know about this church. Not to be confused with the Westboro Baptist Church in Westboro, Mass., this group espouses their hateful language at their many protests across the country. Typically, the threat of them protesting an event alone is enough to inspire counter-protests, even if they do not follow through on their threats.

The group usually protests military funerals, claiming that, "God hates soldiers," or events where any sort of culture is experienced, usually claiming that "God hates f\*gs."

Fred Phelps, who died recently, is the founder of the church, which has been participating in this hateful speech since the 1950s. Its membership is comprised primarily of his relatives.

So, it was no surprise to me when I heard that the Westboro Baptist Church was protesting the UMass campus when Derrick Gordon announced that he was gay.

Gordon is the first Division I athlete to come out publicly.

According to MassLive.com, five members of the

church came to the university to protest Gordon's announcement. This was met with over 100 student counter-protesters.

I know of at least a couple of my friends from home who made the trip up to join the counter-protest. They said that the people from the church were gone in less than an hour. MassLive.com confirmed this.

While I defend their constitutional right to free speech and assembly, I do not defend their statements.

I wrote about the subject of homosexuality and same-sex marriage extensively last year during the DOMA and "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" repeal debates. There is nothing wrong with being gay.

It is not a genetic malfunction, lifestyle choice, or fad. People are just gay. It's a fact of life. There is nothing that anybody can do to change that.

The Westboro Baptist Church is nothing but a hate-mongering group whose message has no place in the discourse of our society.



***Joshua Clark***  
Editor-in-Chief

It is groups like these that are keeping LGBT rights back from where they need to be.

Two thoughts stemmed from this topic once I began writing.

Why is Derrick Gordon's

announcement news in the first place? I am happy that he had the courage to make such an announcement, especially in the wake of such adversity, but why does it matter if he is?

It does not. It only matters to people who want to make a big deal about it.

It's the same principle as the constant reminder that Barack Obama is the first black president. Why does that matter either?

The only thing that matters to me is the character of the person in question. Imagine if every mention of Johnny Manziel was that he was the "straight, white quarterback from Texas A&M." Or Barack Obama, the "45th straight president of the United States." Or George W. Bush, the white president who's the son of George H.W. Bush, the 41st white president."

Both examples cater to this point. Most of the time, mentioning that someone

is gay or a person of color means nothing to the conversation at hand.

Derrick Gordon announcing that he is gay should not be news because it is something that should be a private matter. It does not affect his basketball abilities, so it should not even be mentioned.

If we are going to treat athletes like this, then we should treat all athletes like this. Get ready for the thousands of announcements from straight athletes. The next thought that popped in my head comes from the Red Cross Blood Drive that happened on Wednesday.

I was informed that members of the LGBT community are unable to give blood due to the risk of the blood containing HIV/AIDS.

Even though potential blood donors are tested for various diseases before giving blood, people of LGBT are shut out automatically, even though straight people are equally able to contract such diseases.

The blood is tested after it is drawn, anyway.

I just wanted to get that down on paper because it was bothering me.

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## Gentlemen's Weekly

# The key to a successful all-nighter

The all-nighter: considered to be a rite of passage for college students. With finals coming up quickly, many of us will be pulling a great many of these to meet the various deadlines and perform necessary studying.

Pulling an all-nighter is in no way the healthiest or most desirable thing in the world, and doing so should be avoided whenever possible, but even the most organized student comes face-to-face with the fact that their paper or lab is going to require more hours to complete than there are left in the day.

To get a unique perspective on the ins and outs, I also used information from a friend of mine who is a former Green Beret. For him, staying awake through the night was not about passing a test, but rather was a matter of life and death. His tips, as well as some of mine, are outlined below and apply equally well to the civilian who needs to plow through a work or school project.

My first tip in pulling an all-nighter is actually to avoid doing it whenever you can. Depriving yourself of sleep has all sorts of negative effects on your body and mind, including decreases in concentration, memory loss, weakened immune system, higher cortisol levels, and decreases in testosterone.

Due to these mind-

melting effects, my suggestion is that my fellow students do not pull all-nighters when they can avoid it. When you can't, you should use them for writing papers. If you're cramming for an exam, you're better off putting in several hours of intense studying, and then getting some shut-eye. While you may not cover as much material, you'll have a better chance of remembering what you did study. With a paper, sleep deprivation will cause your writing to suffer, but there's no getting around the fact that finishing it will require a certain number of hours.

Alright, so now I've established that pulling an all-nighter is not an effective or sustainable study or work strategy. Unfortunately, some days are two sizes too small, and an all-nighter is necessary. When it is, here's how to stay awake for the duration and get the most from your round the clock push:

First, get some sleep in the tank. If you know in advance that you will be pulling an all-nighter, try to go to bed earlier and/or wake up later in the days leading up to it. If you didn't see your all-nighter coming, you can take what researchers call a "prophylactic nap". Taking a nap of any kind boosts your memory, creativity, mood, alertness, and cognitive perfor-



**Joshua Minardi**  
Social Media Coordinator

mance. Naps have been found to be more effective at staying off the negative effects of sleep deprivation than multiple doses of caffeine.

When it comes to naps, longer is usually better, but in the short term, a 180-minute nap has been found to be no more effective in increasing cognitive performance than a 90-minute nap. According to Dr. Sara Mednick, an hour and a half is the sweet spot because "it will take you through a full cycle of sleep and bring you out of REM or Stage 2 Sleep, allowing you to avoid sleep inertia" (the grogginess you experience when waking up from a deep sleep). Mednick recommends taking your nap between 1-3 p.m. or 1-3 a.m., as these are the "perfect nap" zones. Keep in mind, however, that the effects of these naps will only last 8-10 hours.

Unsurprisingly, caffeine is on this list. However, many people use caffeine incorrectly when attempting the all-nighter. While the usual method of cramming your sys-

tem with caffeine works, it is not nearly as effective. Instead, lay off the caffeine 48 hours before your all-nighter. This will allow the tolerance levels to recede, allowing for a heightened caffeine effect.

In addition, my Green Beret friend also suggested mixing some sort of fat into your coffee, like grass-fed butter (contains higher Omega-3 acids, making it healthier) or coconut oil. He claims that this helps "prolong the buzz". When you add some sort of fat into your product, you are adding in medium-chain triglycerides, or MCT, which give an extra shot of energy. In addition, this coffee-butter concoction will also satisfy your hunger for a few hours without having to eat anything else.

In addition, there are a wide variety of energy shots and drinks available. If you wish to use them, there are caffeine pills that one can take, such as Hot Rocks or Ripped Fuel, but understand that these can be harmful to one's health, so use at your own risk. One over the counter alternative is Modafinil, a drug originally used to treat narcolepsy. Unlike other stimulants (such as nicotine or caffeine), Modafinil is relatively non-addictive, will not interrupt normal sleep patterns, and won't cause jittery or post-use crashes.

Another tip is to eat

light and stay off the carbs. When staying up all night, avoid carbs and unnecessary sugars and focus on eating protein and fats (nuts, jerky, etc.). This will keep you full and provide sustained energy without a sugar crash.

My buddy also recommends making yourself uncomfortable; pinch your thigh a bit, flick yourself with a rubber band, that sort of thing. "A little bit of stimulation to the pain receptors!" as my friend says. Besides pinching yourself, another way to do this is to splash a bit of cold water on your face or cool yourself down similarly. Even something as simple as working up a sweat will help.

Finally, here are a few tips on how to recover the next day: nap strategically (15-20 minutes), stay hydrated, and stay under the lights (blue light has been shown to improve alertness and executive function). Also, try to avoid driving the day after an all-nighter. Just like being intoxicated, you don't usually realize how impaired you truly are.

In the coming times of due dates and studying, I hope that you will find yourself using some of the tips that I have outlined.

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The Seventh Side: Your Weekly Dose of Satire

# Sind T. Zelony's take on the SGA elections

**D**ear 0.6% of the student population who actually care about the SGA elections,

Based on the occasional "friend" who stops me and asks for my signature despite not having talked to me for several months (and still owes me \$10.35, you know who you are), it must be time for the Student Government Association elections.

Yet there is something terribly wrong. I worry about the candidates this year. I'm not sure they can do for you what they might promise.

What is their plan

**Sind T. Zelony**  
Not an A&E Editor

for a zombie apocalypse? How many Nestor clones will we run through this year? How will they artificially inflate the budget for tax evasion purposes?

These are the issues that truly matter. Ask your candidates what they stand for. Listen to their answer, and then ignore their answer because it is untrue.

You can never trust a politician, and that goes even more for a non-paid volunteer position in which most people will hate you for

things beyond your control.

Do you want to know what we need, beloved public? A real candidate; one who can talk the good talk and fight the good fight (your fight, individual reader, whatever the heck that is).

A candidate that will care, who will make decisions. You need Sind T. Zelony.

That is right. I, Sind T. Zelony, am running for all open offices of the Student Government Association simultaneously.

Now I understand that it might be difficult to perform all of the du-

ties of all the positions at the same time.

I've thought about it, and realized that having centralized power might not be a bad thing. I will accomplish things no SGA despot ever has before.

If things go well we can even annex a small landmass within the coming year or two. There will be no more of that pesky bipartisan ship which has led to a lack of strong debate in the halls of our beloved ultimately powerless organization.

I also understand that might be too late to get myself on the ballot. This is not a problem.

Readers, supporters, blackmail recipients, and worshippers, I ask that you help me organize a write-in campaign.

There is usually a spot on one of the ballots for such write-ins, and if there isn't then I ask that you create a space. Together, we can make a difference. Yes, we can.

With faux political sincerity,  
Sind T. Zelony

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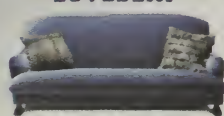


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2. John Legend-All of Me
3. Katy Perry-Dark Horse
4. Jason Derulo ft 2 Chainz - Talk Dirty
5. Idina Menzel-Let It Go
6. Bastille-Pompeii
7. Lorde-Team
8. OneRepublic - Counting Stars
9. Aloe Blacc-The Man
10. DJ Snake and Lil Jon-Turn Down For What

Top 5 Albums

1. 5 Seconds of Summer - She Looks So Perfect
2. Frozen Movie Soundtrack
3. Christina Perri - Head Or Heart
4. Chevelle-La Gargola
5. Dan+Shay - Where It All Began

Top 5 Movies

1. Captain America: The Winter Soldier
2. Rio 2
3. Oculus
4. Draft Day
5. Noah

Upcoming DVDs

1. Philomena
2. The Secret Life of Walter Mitty
3. The Nut Job
4. Ride Along
5. Black Nativity

## *Loudon Wainwright III gives fantastic performance at the Iron Horse Music Hall in Northampton*

### Barrett Tamaren-Leddy

Voice Reporter

On Saturday, April 12, I was sitting inches from the stage at the Iron Horse Music Hall in Northampton to see my personal musical messiah, folk legend, Loudon Wainwright III.

This was my second time seeing Wainwright and I could not have been more thrilled.

People less familiar with his career may know him best as being the father of singer Rufus Wainwright and for providing the soundtrack for Judd Apatow's hit comedy, Knocked Up (in which he also played Katherine Heigl's gynecologist).

"It's good to be here," Wainwright grinned as he walked carefully onto the stage with the aid of a cane, having undergone recent surgery. "It's good to be anywhere at this point," he mused, tuning his guitar before launching into a string of some newer songs.

"Brand New Dance," an upbeat song about the drudgeries of getting older drew a lot of laughs from the mostly older crowd.

Wainwright just re-



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leased an album in 2012 and a new album is coming out in July.

So much of the evening was spent on newer material; however, Wainwright was sure to throw in a handful of fan favorites as well including, "The Swimming Song," "Daughter" (from Knocked Up), "Being A Dad," "High, Wide and Handsome" (which I personally requested), and "Tonya's Twirls," a witty insight on the Tonya Harding Olympic scandal.

Wainwright also commemorated the recent death of Jesse Winchester by covering Winchester's "Yankee Lady."

In addition to his music, Wainwright wove in several monologue-style readings of excerpts from columns written by Wainwright's father, Loudon Wainwright Jr., a long-time contributor to Life Magazine.

A piece about the sadness of losing a beloved pet hit very close to home for

audience members, including myself.

Wainwright finished his set strong with "A Father and A Son," a satisfying introspective of the often tense father and son relationship which reveals that, "Boys grow up to be grown men and then men change back into boys again."

For more information on Loudon Wainwright III and for his tour itinerary, visit:

<http://www.lw3.com/>

# ars poetica

## Contact by Erica Flynn

If only for a split second, it's made when my rubber, pink sole caresses the still concrete.  
Spewing particles of dust and rock, another stride forward towards this journey being complete.

## Pick your Poison man! "Whew I'm on a roll" by Tamari J. Hall

No rest for the weary,  
No solace for the mind,  
Always a struggle, a never-ending desire for it.  
Once you've sniffed, smoked, or shot that poison in your bloodstream,  
you're touched  
And not in a good way, you've become ingrained with the desire, over come with adoration.  
Most of all it beckons you, sex is better, life seems easier.  
Your only way out of this illusion is to deny yourself something you've engorged your senses with.  
With effort and consistency time can change the desire, however the likelihood may never change.

## Life is a Two-Way Street by Erica Flynn

We never know how much we "touch" others-  
We just go about our normal routines.  
Suddenly, our life affects another's,  
Which will all be explained by line fourteen.  
We meet new people every day we live-  
Kind ones who help us when not expected.  
Nice people who find it normal to give-  
When we meet, our lives become connected.  
We realize that "touch" is a two-way street-  
Our being is benefiting them, too.  
Contact is enriched, though may seem discrete.  
Kind actions from each change the other's view.  
If we made these connections more often,  
The anger of this harsh world would soften.

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## Knowing to Cook

## Days of Celebration - Easter

**Ryan Cashman**

Voice Columnist

As I am writing this, the sun is setting over the tops of the trees marking the end of Palm Sunday and the beginning of perhaps the most important week of the year for those of Catholic Faith: Holy Week.

Passover begins at sundown on Monday night, marking the beginning of the end of the Lenten season.

Then, Holy Thursday arrives, followed by Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Lent, which began back in March on Ash Wednesday, is a season of reflection, penance, and fasting.

Unfortunately, those of us who have a deep love of all food are not the best practitioners of the season of Lent, which requires the conscious absence of a certain type of food.

Still, those who do make it through Lent and refrain from devouring their favorite foods are always greatly rewarded on Easter Sunday.

Across the Catholic world, grand feasts are held in honor of the man who won us our redemption. In Italy and Ireland, two very religious countries, every town gathers together in celebration, eating food and honoring the resurrection.

The food of the holiday is my main interest. This is a rather blasphemous thing to say, but at least I am being honest.

My mother was raised

Catholic. She went to Catholic School and attended church with regularity. In recent years, much to her dismay, the busyness of the world has caught up with our family, and we do not attend church as regularly as we used to.

Despite that, Easter is a very important holiday for my mother. Much like Christmas, I know Easter is around the corner when the house begins to fill with the aroma of cookies.

The baked goods that fill the table are all recipes that have been handed down to my mom from her grandmother.

The recipes hold great value to our family; they are a way to honor and cherish the loved ones who are no longer with us.

Food and religion are closely linked together, so much so that one could almost say that food is a religion in and of itself.

Certain foods have ties to certain religious holidays. For example, the recipe I am providing this week is for Italian Easter Bread, which is a kind of sweet bread typically served with dessert.

In Italy, bread is symbolic of life. An Italian peasantry proverb reads: "Chie hat pane mai non morit - one who has bread never dies."

Bread is also used as a symbol for the body of Christ, who was resurrected on Easter Sunday. The idea behind making Easter bread is to share the passion of life and the body of Christ with others.

My mother makes several loaves each year, some of which we keep, while others go out to our family and friends.

The bread is very light and very sweet and, as with most bread, takes rather long to make. I assure you the result is well worth the wait.

Religious traditions are not nearly as prominent in modern America as they were in the past.

However, that does not mean that there is no longer any room for them. While we are not a practicing Catholic family, we still make room in our lives for the traditions we find meaningful, like making ravioli for Christmas or bread for Easter.

These traditions may not be specifically religious, but they are important to us as a family. I believe religion's purpose in this world is to serve as an outlet for people searching for higher meanings and answers in their lives.

I have discovered my own path on the search for a higher meaning in life, as many other people have. However, I do not directly and overtly denounce any religious establishment, as I understand that all religions have had their share of grievances.

I understand that this edition may be overly religious for some people, but I believe it is important to understand food's tie to religion.

Enjoy this recipe for Italian Easter Bread! And Happy Easter for those

who celebrate!

Buona Tavola and Mangiare Bene!

## ITALIAN EASTER BREAD

Ingredients:

8 cups all-purpose flour

1½ cups whole milk

½ cup granulated sugar

4½ teaspoons (2 envelopes) active dry yeast

1 cup butter, melted

8 eggs

1 tsp salt

½ tsp anise oil

Instructions:

1. Place the flour in a large mixing bowl; set aside.

2. Heat the milk in a small saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally, until it is warm to the touch, but not hot. If you have an instant-read thermometer, the temperature of the milk should be between 110 and 115 degrees F.

3. While the heat is warming, place the sugar in a small bowl.

4. Once the milk reaches the correct temperature, stir in the sugar, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Add the yeast, stir, and let sit for 10 minutes.

5. Add the milk and yeast mixture to the flour and begin to mix it into dough.

6. Next, add the melted butter and continue to mix.

7. In a small bowl, use a fork to lightly beat together the eggs, salt, and anise oil. Add to the dough and continue mixing.

8. At this point, you may need to add more

flour to the dough. Once you have a sticky ball of dough formed, turn it out onto a floured surface and knead for about 5 minutes, or until the dough is soft and elastic. It will remain slightly tacky.

9. Place the dough in an oiled bowl, turning to coat, and cover the bowl loosely with plastic wrap. Place in a draft-free area and allow the dough to rise until it is doubled in volume. This takes about 1 hour. Meanwhile, line two baking sheets with parchment paper and set aside.

10. Turn the dough out onto a clean surface and divide in two. Divide each half into two (you will have four pieces of dough). We will work with one pair, and then the other. Roll two pieces of dough into 24-inch long ropes. Loosely twist the ropes together. Transfer the braided rope to one of the prepared baking sheets and bring the ends together to form a ring, twisting and pinching the ends together to seal. Repeat with the remaining two pieces of dough so that you have two circular, braided loaves. Brush the tops of each with melted butter, loosely cover with plastic wrap, and let rise until nearly doubled in size, about 45 minutes to 1 hour.

11. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees while the dough is rising. Bake one at a time until golden brown on top: 30 to 40 minutes. Remove from the oven and transfer to a cooling rack.

# WSU Public Safety Crime Log: Feb 20 to April 13

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| Feb. 20 1518                       | Courtney Hall           | Liquor Law Violation          | Summons                     |
| Feb. 20 2335                       | Scanlon Hall            | Liquor Law Violation          | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Feb. 21 2100                       | Parenzo Road            | Liquor Law Violation          | Summons                     |
| Feb. 21 2100                       | Parenzo Road            | Liquor Law Violation          | Summons                     |
| Feb. 21 2111                       | Davis Hall              | Liquor Law Violation          | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Feb. 21 1920                       | Courtney Hall           | Drug Law Violation            | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Feb. 22 1731                       | Courtney Hall           | Liquor Law Violation          | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Feb. 22 1223                       | Courtney Lot            | Liquor Law Violation          | Summons                     |
| Feb. 22 2224                       | Davis Hall              | Drug Law Violation            | Summons                     |
| Feb. 22 2356                       | Scanlon Hall            | Liquor Law Violation          | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Feb. 22 2356                       | Scanlon Hall            | Drug Law Violation            | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Feb. 25 1000                       | Woodward Center Lot     | Larceny                       | Open                        |
| Feb. 26 1801                       | Wilson Hall             | Larceny                       | Open                        |
| Feb. 28 1716                       | Courtney Hall           | Drug Law Violation            | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Feb. 28 2056                       | New Hall                | Liquor Law Violation          | Summons                     |
| Feb. 28 2056                       | New Hall                | Drug/Liquor Law Violation     | Summons                     |
| Feb. 28 2056                       | New Hall                | Drug/Liquor Law Violation     | Summons                     |
| Mar. 2 0146                        | The Perch               | Disorderly Conduct            | Arrest                      |
| Mar. 4 2300-0700                   | Courtney Hall           | Rape                          | Under Investigation         |
| Mar. 5 1450                        | Wilson Hall             | Harassment                    | Open                        |
| Mar. 6 2027                        | Courtney Hall           | Larceny                       | Open                        |
| Mar. 7 0120                        | Lansdowne Place         | Drug Law Violation            | Citation Issued             |
| Mar. 7 1546                        | Lansdowne Place         | Malicious Destruction         | Open                        |
| Mar. 7 1622                        | Scanlon Hall            | Drug Law Violation            | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Mar. 16 2352                       | Scanlon Hall            | Malicious Destruction         | Open                        |
| Mar. 18 2000                       | Parenzo Gym             | Larceny                       | Open                        |
| Mar. 20 1731-1915                  | New Hall                | Larceny                       | Open                        |
| Mar. 20 0800-1806                  | Seymour Hall            | Larceny                       | Open                        |
| Mar. 20 2026                       | Seymour Hall            | Larceny                       | Open                        |
| Mar. 21 1624                       | Davis Hall              | Liquor Law Violation          | Summons                     |
| Mar. 21 1908                       | Dickinson Hall          | Liquor Law Violation          | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Mar. 21 1934                       | Scanlon Hall            | Liquor Law Violation          | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Mar. 21 1955                       | Scanlon Road            | Liquor Law Violation          | Trespass Notice             |
| Mar. 22 0006                       | Scanlon Hall            | Liquor Law Violation          | Referred to Student Conduct |
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| Mar. 22 0000-1700                  | Davis Hall              | Harassment                    | Restraining Order Issued    |
| Mar. 23 0228                       | Scanlon Hall            | Malicious Destruction         | Open                        |
| Mar. 23 0242                       | Courtney Hall           | Disorderly Conduct            | Arrest                      |
| Mar. 25 0100-0300                  | Dickinson Hall          | Rape                          | Under Investigation         |
| Mar. 27 2138                       | Courtney Hall           | Indecent Assault & Battery    | Open                        |
| Mar. 27 2300                       | University Hall         | Larceny                       | Open                        |
| Mar. 27 2345                       | Davis Hall              | Assault & Battery             | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Mar. 28 2053                       | Dickinson Hall          | Trespassing                   | Trespass Notice             |
| Mar. 28 2356                       | Scanlon Hall            | Liquor Law Violation          | Referred to Student Conduct |
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| Mar. 29 0103                       | Commuter Lot            | OUI                           | Arrest                      |
| Mar. 29 0143                       | Lammers Hall            | Suspended License             | Open                        |
| Mar. 29 0218                       | Dickinson Hall          | Disturbing the Peace          | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Mar. 29 1733-1925                  | Lansdowne Place         | Liquor Law Violation          | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Mar. 29 1754                       | Lammers Hall            | Vandalizing Property          | Open                        |
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| Apr. 5 2028                        | Dickinson Hall          | Assault & Battery Domestic    | Arrest                      |
| Apr. 5 2298                        | Davis Road              | Liquor Law Violation          | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Apr. 6 0227                        | Commuter Lot            | Distribution of Class D Drug  | Arrest                      |
| Apr. 7 0130                        | Courtney Hall           | Liquor Law Violation          | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Apr. 8 0300-0330                   | University Hall         | Trespassing                   | Trespass Notice Issued      |
| Apr. 10 1348-1103                  | Dining Commons          | Drug Law Violation            | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Apr. 11 1534                       | Dickinson Hall          | Rape                          | Under Investigation         |
| Apr. 11 2245                       | Apartments Courtyard    | Larceny                       | Open                        |
| Apr. 11 2245                       | Dickinson Hall          | Liquor Law Violation          | Referred to Student Conduct |
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| Apr. 12 0010                       | Apartments Complex      | Trespassing                   | Arrest                      |
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| Apr. 12 1219                       | Wilson Road             | Disorderly Conduct            | Citation Issued             |
| Apr. 12 1526                       | Courtney Access Road    | Suspended Drivers License     | Citation Issued             |
| Apr. 12 1609                       | Parenzo Gym             | Drug Law Violation            | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Apr. 12 1725                       | Courtney Hall           | Assault & Battery             | Closed                      |
| Apr. 12 1725                       | Courtney Hall           | Liquor Law Violation          | Summons                     |
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| Apr. 13 2300-1600                  | Scanlon Hall            | Drug Law Violation            | Referred to Student Conduct |
| Apr. 13 2300-1600                  | Scanlon Hall            | Malicious Destruction         | Open                        |



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FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2014

ANDREW BURKE, EDITOR

## Laviolette Gets Job

*Westfield Alumn Peter Laviolette Named U.S. National Team Coach*

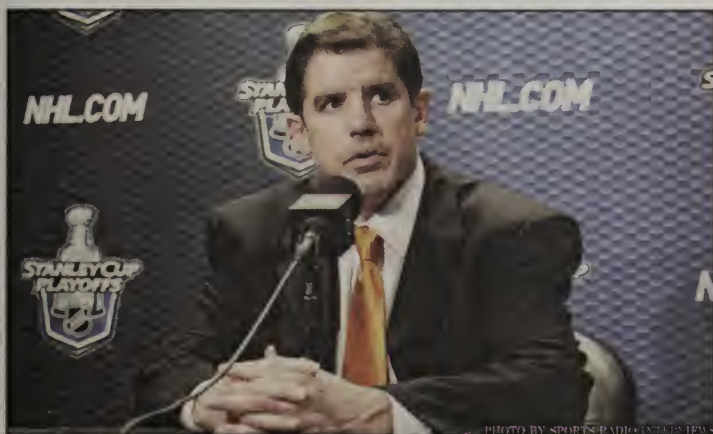


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### WSU Athletic Department

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** - Peter Laviolette (Westfield State '86) has been named head coach of the U.S. Men's National Team that will participate in the 2014 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Championship it was announced today by USA Hockey. The event will take place in Minsk, Belarus, May 9-25. Team USA is the defending bronze medalist in the event.

Laviolette, a Franklin, Mass., native, has previously represented the United States in international competition on numerous

occasions in several different capacities. He most recently served as an assistant coach for the 2014 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team in Sochi, Russia, and was the head coach of the 2006 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team in Torino, Italy. Prior to that, Laviolette was head coach of the U.S. Men's National Team at the IIHF Men's World Championship in back-to-back years (2004, 2005), leading the United States to the bronze medal in 2004.

He also served as an assistant coach for the United States during the 2004 World Cup of Hockey, where he helped Team USA to the semifinals.

Laviolette, who led the

Carolina Hurricanes to the 2006 Stanley Cup, has more than 750 games of NHL head coaching experience. From 2009-13, he directed the Philadelphia Flyers, reaching the Stanley Cup Final in 2010 and winning the Atlantic Division in 2011. Laviolette was behind the Carolina bench from 2003-08. In addition to winning the Cup in 2005-06, Carolina won the Southeast Division title and set franchise records for wins (52) and points (112). Also that season, Laviolette was a finalist for the Jack Adams Award as the NHL's top coach. His first two seasons as head coach in the NHL were with the New York Islanders (2001-03), where he helped the team

advance to the Stanley Cup Playoffs each season.

Before becoming an NHL head coach, Laviolette spent three seasons in the Boston Bruins organization, serving as assistant coach with the NHL club in 2000-01, and as head coach of the Bruins' American Hockey League affiliate, Providence, for two seasons (1998-99, 1999-2000). In his first year at Providence, Laviolette guided the team to a Calder Cup championship and received the Louis A.R. Pieri Memorial Award as AHL Coach of the Year.

As a player, Laviolette skated for the U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team in both the 1988 and 1994 Olympic Winter Games, serving as captain during the 1994 tournament. He also spent 11 years in professional hockey, including a 12-game stint with the New York Rangers in 1988-89.

As a collegian, Laviolette played four seasons (1982-86) at Westfield State in Massachusetts, where he appeared in 93 games and contributed 43 goals and 44 assists.

### **Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events**

*Thursday, April 10th*  
Softball (DH) vs. Keene State L 2-3, L 5-6  
Baseball vs. UMass Dartmouth L 1-5  
W LAX at Kene State L 5-12  
*Saturday, April 12th*  
Softball (DH) at Worcester State L 2-3, L 1-3  
Baseball (DH) at Worcester State W 4-2, W 6-1  
W LAX vs. Worcester State L 7-10  
M/W Track at Westfield State Meet (Non-Scoring)  
*Monday, April 14th*  
Softball (DH) at MCLA PPD to 4/16  
Baseball (DH) at MCLA L 2-3, W 11-3  
*Tuesday, April 15th*  
W LAX at Bridgewater State PPD to 4/24

### **Upcoming Owls Athletics Events**

*Thursday, April 17th*  
M Golf at WNEU 10:00 a.m.  
W LAX at WCSU 7:00 p.m.  
*Friday, April 18th*  
Baseball at Framingham State (DH)  
Softball at Framingham State (DH)  
*Saturday, April 19th*  
M/W Track at Springfield College Invite  
*Monday, April 21st*  
M Golf at Assumption College Invite 10:00 a.m.  
Baseball at Salem State (DH)  
Softball at Salem State (DH)  
*Tuesday, April 22nd*  
M Golf at Elms College Invite 10:00 a.m.  
Baseball vs. Springfield College 3:30 p.m.

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Jail and Bail is an event in which you can jail anyone on campus. You purchase a warrant for someone to get arrested on campus and we will go and arrest them on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. In order for the arrested person to get out of jail they must raise \$50 in bail money. Warrants will be sold at the dining commons on the following days between 4pm – 8pm: April 10, 11, 15, 16, 18, and 22. Warrants will cost \$20. All proceeds of this event will be sent to Camp Sunshine in Maine to provide a fun experience for children suffering from terminal illness and their families.

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## Sports From Carlin's Couch

# Carlin's Quidditch Apology

## The Westfield State Quidditch team needs more exposure

**Matthew Carlin**  
Asst. Managing Editor

Dear Westfield State University Quidditch team,

I would like to formally apologize to the Westfield State University Quidditch team, whom, to my knowledge, are finalists in the championship of their sports division.

When I first submitted my article, there was a communication misunderstanding between myself and one of the editors on the purpose of my article. I did not intend to call out the team as if it did not ex-

ist; I merely attempted to draw more attention to the sport in general.

I mean, who can forget the great Quidditch Cup of 2007? Where the snitch was caught in less than 2 minutes! Or what about the Frederick S. Woodward Championship of 2011 where the WSU team brought home the "wood" in more ways than one.

I think I would be amiss if I did not mention the wonderful James and Lilly Potter Scholarship for Quidditch excellence that is giving students the possibility to go to college with

the help of their athletic ability.

I mean, I would never want to offend the organization that has brought such pride and prestige to this wonderful university and provided a wonderful exchange program with the much appreciated maintainers union for their broomsticks. As of press time, I even found out their secret training grounds under the red moon when it was over Alumni Field.

Now what I would suggest as a one better for my previous remark is some suggestions to improve the-

notoriety of this sport and team.

1. Host and advertise Broomstick 101 courses during the springtime to help encourage young potential athletes to come out and try the basics of the sport.

2. Throw dinner parties with all the magical treats of the game, including the famous chocolate frog or the dumbledonuts.

3. Show off your other skills like the expecto patronum 500, where you can showcase the pure athletic sportsmanship shaped by this rigorous event.

I have seen other schools with the same issue we are facing. Lack of knowledge and with no potions masters to cure it, I fear that there will never be enough afflicted to give this team and this glorious sport the attention it deserves.

However if you really want to help out your sport and team, try to use the media outlets to your advantage and you won't get these clearly sarcastic articles.

Yours truly,  
Rictov Z. Krum

## 2015 NCAAM Freshman class is best since Derrick Rose

**Jon Rebmann**  
Voice Reporter

With the 2014 NCAAM Signing Period drawing to a close, it's safe to say that this recruiting class has to be one of the best I've seen since Derrick Rose and the 2007 class. Unfortunately, with all of the one-and-done players that are likely enter the 2015 NBA Draft, it's gonna be hard to keep that talent at the college level for very long. With that said, let's break down some of the biggest signings this year.

SMU barely missed the NCAA Tournament last year after becoming ranked in the AP Poll for the first time in 28 years. Luckily, they'll be even better this year with the signing of Emmanuel Mudiay, the top

point guard and #3 overall recruit in the 2014 class. Mudiay, who is originally from the Congo, has put Prime Prep Academy on the map and earned himself an invitation to the 2014 McDonald's All American Game. With the kind of talent, leadership and athleticism that Mudiay will bring to this up and coming SMU team, the Mustangs will surely be a team to look out in the American Athletic Conference.

Duke's recruiting class is led by center standout Jahli Okafor, who will likely join fellow Chicago native Jabari Parker. Okafor recently led Whitney Young Magnet HS to the Illinois state title and solidified his case as the best player in this class by being named MVP of the McDonald's All American Game this

year by scoring 17 points and adding seven rebounds (he shared the honors with Justin Jackson, who signed with Duke rival UNC). Okafor is joined by PG Tyus Jones, SF Justice Winslow, and SG Grayson Allen. With Jones, Winslow, and Allen (all of whom also played in the McDonald's All American Game) likely to stay past one year, the Blue Devils have to be the best team on paper heading into 2014, especially if Parker (who as of 4/15 has yet to decide whether or not he will stay at Duke) opts out of the draft until 2015.

The Kansas Jayhawks also picked up some great recruits, including C Cliff Alexander and SF Kelly Oubre (who are likely poised to replace the departing Joel Embiid and Andrew Wiggins, both of

whom are headed to the NBA this year). Alexander, who many scouts expected to go to hometown favorite Illinois, opted for Kansas at the last minute, disappointing many Fighting Illini fans in the process. Oubre also chose Kansas at the last minute, with Kansas and Kentucky battling it out for the highly touted recruit. Both players have size, of which Kansas has always been well known for, but will also bring toughness to a team that on more than one occasion lacked aggression or awareness (especially in the Stanford game). Regardless, Kansas is likely to run away with the Big 12 title (again).

C Myles Turner, the #2 C and #2 overall recruit in the class of 2014, has yet to choose where he will go to college. Turner, who stands

at an astonishing 7 feet tall, will be a fantastic addition to any team he chooses. Frankly, I would love to see him go to a program such as Texas or Texas A&M and turn them into respectable programs, especially since the Texas Longhorns haven't been the same since Kevin Durant left to join the Thunder in the NBA. Unfortunately, it's more likely that he'll end up at a current powerhouse such as Duke, Kansas, or Kentucky.

With the signing period wrapping up, all eyes are on this year's class to show NBA scouts they have what it takes to make it in the NBA. And if this year is anything like 2013, there's no doubt that this will definitely be an amazing year for men's college basketball.

Get Burked

# NBA Playoff format needs reformation



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*The NBA conferences have been skillfully different for the past 20 years. Adam Silver has a decision to make as to change the current playoff format or not.*

As the NBA regular season comes to an end and the NBA Playoffs begin, a debate over a reformation of the current playoff format has begun.

The Eastern conference has been consistently worse than the West, from top to bottom, for the better part of the last decade.

This year, the Phoenix Suns, who were eliminated from playoff contention by the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday, would be a 4 seed had they played in the Eastern Conference.

For the last 8 seasons, except for 2011 with the lockout, the East has sent at least one team at or below .500 to the playoffs. However, the Western Conference has not done so one time since 2000.

New NBA commissioner, Adam Silver, has

said that he is open to taking a "fresh" look at the playoff system and that he may make changes to the system that has been in place since the creation of the NBA.

Silver has said that he wants to consider changes to the current system so that the top 8 teams in each conference will be in the playoffs. He also said that the conferences were created to take travel into account in the 1950s.

Today, each team can fly charter across the country and change is more feasible.

The real question that Silver is facing is how to change the system without losing interest from fans.

Since the first game of this season in October, fans have been waiting for Heat vs. Pacers Eastern



**Andrew Burke**  
Sports Editor

Conference finals.

Having a finals matchup between the Thunder and Heat will pin the two best players in the NBA against each other.

A Heat vs. Spurs final will give fans one of the best rematches in sports history. A Pacers vs. Anyone-in-the-West finals will give fans a refreshing championship without the Heat for the first time in 4 years.

Simply taking the top 16 records throughout the course of a season is the easiest solution on paper, however, with that format, nothing in the last paragraph would be possible.

The NBA sacrifices the excitement of the NCAA tournament for a best of 7 series. This almost always makes for a championship between the top two teams. 8 seeds are 5-55 overall in first round series against 1 seeds and the Celtics, Lakers, Bulls, and Spurs have won 43 of the 67 total championships.

One viable option for a reformation of the NBA playoffs is to give division champions an automatic bid to the post season. The remaining teams will be able to fill the final ten spots, regardless of conference, like the NCAA

championship.

This idea would keep conferences together in order to find accurate champions for each division and have the majority of the top 16 records in the NBA.

It is important to keep the East and West conferences intact. Removing the conferences would mean that all teams would have to play each other equally in order to find the top 16 teams.

The NBA will soon see some new changes under Adam Silver. The dunk contest changes this year was terrible and will be renewed for next year.

However, Silver will learn from that mistake and give the NBA playoff changes a closer look. Playoff reform may never happen, but the necessity for it is immeasurable.



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shave their heads in the aim of raising money to fight childhood cancer. Because of the success of this event, the class council is planning their event for next year.

At the Student Government Association meeting on Tuesday, Losco thanked all of the class and hall councils that helped him put the event on.

"Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who supported us at the Buzz-Off," Losco said.

He continued, "We couldn't have done it without your support and donations."

Cullinane added, "It was really inspiring to see everyone come together and to see three women shave their heads."

"It really made a 'bald' statement," she joked.

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between the speaker and the observers. Each discussion tackled women's issues in society today and offered inspiration on how individuals, even just one, could make a change.

Similarly, Dr. Tamara Smith had a talk titled "The Role of the Public Intellectual: Engaging with Race, Class and Gender in the City Council" in which she discussed the process of how running for City Council-

or-At-Large turned a personal trouble into a public issue, and how engaging in politics at the local level has allowed her to use her sociological skills for structural change. Smith noticed the issues regarding class, race, and gender and decided to make a change. She became the first woman on the Easthampton Municipal Council.

All of the events that were a part of the Month Celebrating Women solidified the idea that women's issues have not gone away and feminism is still relevant. Ms. Jasmine Amegan, Staff Assistant at the Admissions Office and panelist for the "Good Hair" Panel stated that "Celebrating women on campus by inviting them to share their passions, expertise, ideas and advice is not only encouraging to the women here on campus looking for role models and inspiration, but it allows for the opportunity to showcase to the entire campus community the amazing contributions women are making daily in our communities and society at large."

This month has become a strong seam that keeps the Westfield State Campus community together and actively involved in making progress to help solve several

women's issues still going on today. Each event was a reminder that women are still underrepresented and underestimated. As Julia Sottile, a student here at Westfield State said, "I personally took a great deal of inspiration out of these events because I am so proud to be a woman and so strongly believe our contributions are just as important as our male counterparts." With that alone, one can see that the Month Celebrating Women 2014 was a success.

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Laws have been proposed to counteract domestic violence by preventing a witness that the victim knows cannot be made reliable. In a domestic violence case, the only people to witness an atrocity would be someone the victim knows.

Women are beginning to take a powerful stand yet again. In Ukraine, women are reviving women's rights in the face of change by using powerful images of them topless with wreathes of flowers on their heads, standing in front of patriarchal laws that demote their natural human rights. These women are regularly arrested. This is similar to the 'ban the bra' movement in the 1960's.

Someone had commented on the pictures saying that it was sad

that these women were using their bodies to gain attention.

I think it is smart and demands the attention of many people, gender aside. I do not think that the human body, with the spirituality and sexuality it possess needs to be demoted. This is just another reflection of misogynistic cultures saying women are not allowed to expose the reality of their body's for any reason and that if they do so, it should be disgraced.

This is a belief that is even amongst many women.

A movement in Brazil "#NãoMereçoSerEstuprada" which means "IDoNotDeserveToBeRaped," is based on the same idea that any exposure of a woman's body allows a woman to be taken advantage of. According to the Institute for Applied Economic Research (IPEA), 26% of women today believe that if a woman dresses provocatively, they deserve to be raped. About 58.5 % of Brazilians believe that, "if women knew how to behave, there would be less rape."

In Columbia there are women who are partaking in a mini-skirt protest with signs that say dressing what is traditionally thought of as provocative is an unjust reason for raping a woman.

Obviously these are

socially backward ideas that are being fought against by women.

We cannot accept the idea of moving forward in this age if we do not stress the rights of Americans and the world's minorities. The regression of American women's rights including gay marriage, abortion, and labor, are a result of mostly republican legislation.

In February, a Republican Senator from Virginia, Steve Martin, said women were, "a child's host (which some refer to as mothers)," which is incredibly offensive on several accounts, such as reserving rights for an unborn fetus but not the actual person who is caring for it.

Though the topic may seem tiring to talk about and seemingly only pushed by radical or "crazy" women (or men), these are very real day-to-day issues. We must not ignore and stand up only as women, but as people, genders aside for human rights and recognition. Live this idea: campus wide, state wide, nationwide, and globally. Reinvent westernization, reinvent globalization.

# Horoscopes Games & Cartoons

## Leisure

### Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

You will likely find yourself with the compulsive urge to sterilize everything in sight. Do follow that urge, as there is no harm in it and you will help our overlords breed the super virus that will kill us all that much quicker.

### Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

If you decide to set up shop in a foreign country, try to do a little research about what your market is going to be.

For example don't open a hamburger stand in India and don't start a theatre group in Nigeria.

### Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

The stars saying how great you are and how great your week is going to be is starting to get a little redundant.

Instead now try to imagine you receiving this news in the form of a musical number. It is only what you deserve.

### Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

If things seem pretty terrible for you this week, it is only because they are. Do you remember the advice you have been getting about accepting your and bowing down to the will of the cosmos? It is supposed to teach you humility.

### Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

You might be forced to make a choice between the love of your life and your career. The stars advise you to reject either option and instead choose neither in order to stick it to the cosmos by losing everything you ever wanted.

### Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

Go inside your shell this week if you wish, but you should know that your shell can crack if you stay inside there for too long, and then the vultures will come. You do not want the vultures to come.

### Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

It was easier to run, the stars are certain. Yet what is easier is not necessarily better. You should take the hard path rather than the beaten one, if only for the reason that you'll be able to say that you took it.

### Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

Four miles under the crust of the earth there exists the Holy Grail. You must find this ancient relic and bring it back to its rightful place. Your quest will take you many places and you will meet many people. Try not to get distracted.

### Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

If you come into contact with a fire truck, make sure that it is a bright red fire truck. A bright red fire truck is the best kind of fire truck. Never trust a blue fire truck if you can ever possibly help it.

### Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

You will be seeing double this week, but only because you are caught in between universes and the stars haven't decided where you should be placed yet. The good news is that you can buy one ice cream, and eat two for free.

### Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

Are you an ape or are you a man? If you are a man, you might want to check your taxes to make sure you don't owe the government anything.

### Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

A disguise would suit you well on this day, although the stars cannot recommend an actual suit as a disguise. They only come in white and it is technically after Labor Day.

You would stand out like a sore thumb.

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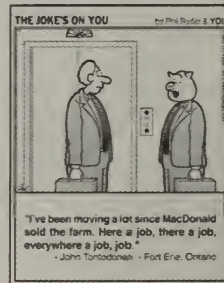
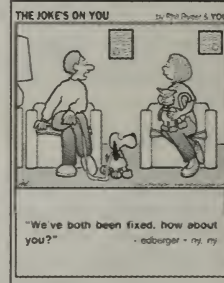
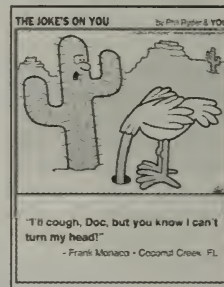
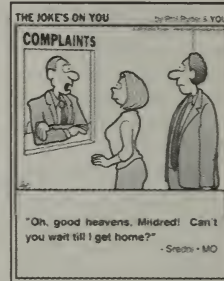
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| 4/16 | 8 pm     | CAB TRIVIA                                                                | Owl's Nest      |
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| 4/17 | 11 am    | Pet Therapy                                                               | Ely CC          |
| 4/17 | 2 pm     | Bodacious Burgers                                                         | Dining Commons  |
| 4/17 | 7 pm     | Pinterest Palozza                                                         | Loughman L.R.   |
| 4/18 | 1 pm     | Planning For Finals & Exam Prep                                           | Banacos Center  |
| 4/18 | 3 pm     | Yoga                                                                      | Wellness Center |
| 4/19 | Closed   | Woodward Center Closed April 19-21                                        | Woodward Ctr    |
| 4/21 |          | No Classes—Patriots' Day                                                  |                 |
| 4/21 | 8 pm     | Suicide Prevention—Walk To Save Lives Interest Mtg.                       | U-Hall          |
| 4/22 | 12:45 pm | Test Taking Skills                                                        | Banacos Center  |
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## Senate deals with policy changes in their last official meeting of the year

**Ryan Caulfield**  
SGA Correspondent

The Student Government Association's meeting last Tuesday was full of debates, discussions, and information about the recent changes brought to the schools policies. Susan LaMontagne, dean of students, and Shannon Broderick, student conduct coordinator, spoke to the SGA about the new policies.

Last year's SGA approved two changes in the alcohol and drug policy. One of the changes was that marijuana violations would no longer mean immediate suspension from housing; a 10/100 would be given instead. The second was com-

bining alcohol and drug violations so that if a student was caught having the two together, it would mean immediate loss of housing.

Broderick gave statistics on how the school year went with the new policies and an average of the last three school years of violation cases. She said that last fall semester was very busy and the school saw over 223 cases. The fall 2012 semester saw 169 cases and the last three semesters combined had 145, she said. "Overall, student conduct cases are up," Broderick said. The number of the cases is not just from alcohol and drug violations, she said, they include physical fights, tampering with school property

and different kinds of assaults.

For the 2013 and 2014 semesters, as of April 18, there have been 363 cases. Last year's total of cases was 335, and the total average of cases in the last three years is 275.

The number of alcohol cases from the beginning of the semester until Spring Break was 223. Last year saw a total of 235 alcohol cases, and the total average of the last three years is 207.

The number of drug related cases this year to date is 52, last year's was 55, and the total average of the last three years is 31.

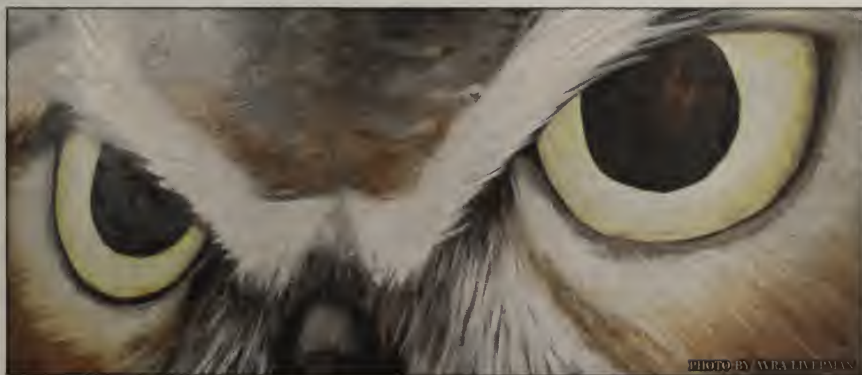
The number of housing-revoking marijuana offenses (two), which would mean loss of housing

due to the new policy, as of to date, is five. Last year, when the policy of one marijuana offense equaled to a loss in housing, the amount of cases was 34. Broderick said that the new policy has had a huge impact on the number.

She said that talking to students about their marijuana offenses was hard because of the old policy. Some students appealed the charge saying it was too harsh to kick a student out because of one offense. "This year I think students are more receptive and more willing to accept responsibility and hold themselves accountable know-

see CAULFIELD on page four

## 'Transformation is Timeless' leaves Arno Maris



The 'Transformation is Timeless' Art Show has left the Arno Maris Art Gallery to make way for the Student Art Show. The new works of art will be on display from April 24 to May 10.

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## News from other schools

### *The Daily Collegian,*

#### U OF MASS., AMHERST

On April 18, Westboro Baptist Church arrived on campus to protest the recent coming out of UMass athlete Derrick Gordon. Students gathered by the hundreds to support Gordon. The protestors were gone within an hour.

### *The Harvard Crimson,*

#### HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Graduate students on campus are currently working on the formation of a new coalition to deal with sexual assault issues.

### *The Daily Campus,*

#### UNIV. OF CONNECTICUT

Three Greek organizations on campus were suspended last week among hazing allegations. This number is unusually high and has sparked concerns from administration.

### *The Daily Orange,*

#### SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

The absence of Ryan Norton, kicker for the Syracuse football team was explained by head coach Scott Shafer last week. He was apparently suspended for violation of team rules.

## A Big Thank You from the Class of 2016!

### *Nicole Primeau*

*Voice Contributor*

The Westfield State class council of 2016 held their very first Buzz Off, Cancer event on Sunday, April 12 in the Scanlon Banquet Hall. The Buzz Off, Cancer event raised money to benefit the Boston Children's Hospital for vital programs and services for families supporting their children fighting against cancer along with research for a cure.

Students and faculty not only raised money for the charity but also raised awareness for children fighting cancer. At the event, those who volunteered buzzed off their hair to resemble a child with cancer. Seventeen participants were involved in the event, which rose into a huge success!

The council is having a little trouble announcing a definite amount raised due to donations still welcomed and pouring in. Last updated, they have raised over \$7,000. Family, friends and supporters attended the event to be there for those who raised awareness for a child with cancer.

The class council of 2016 created the Buzz Off, Cancer event inspired by the larger event, One Mission Kid's Cancer Buzz-Off. The Council of 2016 will be presenting the check with all donations raised to the One Mission Kid's Cancer Buzz-Off at Gillette Stadium on June 8. The head of the One Mission Kid's Cancer Buzz-Off is in the process of marking it in the process of marking it Westfield State on the official schedule to present the check on the day of the event.

The reason the council of



Organizers of the 2014 Buzz Off, Cancer event display their banner. The event has raised over \$7,000 for children with cancer.

2016 chose this charity is because of the unique impact it can have on children battling cancer. Michael Janchuk, a student government representative for the class council of 2016 and participant in the Buzz Off, Cancer event said, "The Buzz Off, Cancer is much more than an event to raise money. In some ways it's not even about the money, but to show the kids with cancer that being bald is beautiful and that they aren't alone." Heads were shaved, tears were shared, and a difference made an impact.

The Buzz Off, Cancer event made news on CBS 3 Springfield channel and the Council of 2016 could not be any prouder to share the good news. "We could not

have done it without everyone supporting and willing to donate and even shave their hair for kids with cancer! We could not thank our Westfield State community enough!" said Tara Saraf, the treasurer of the class council of 2016.

A team that consisted of Westfield State students, "Team Awesome Cookies" raised over \$2,000 alone! "My jaw dropped when I heard a team of Westfield State students raised over \$2,000. It's amazing to see what students can do when it comes to a charity that can really make a big difference in child's life," said Cali Kacyonakis, a bystander at the Buzz Off, Cancer event. The Council of 2016 would also

like to give a big thank you to Tony Isotti, the barber at the Buzz Off, Cancer event from Tony's Famous Barber Shop located in Springfield, who spent his whole day shaving hair at Westfield State for charity.

Donations are still welcome and it is not too late to be a part of this amazing opportunity to help children battle cancer! To donate, visit the Facebook page "Buzz Off Cancer 2013-2014" to retrieve the link titled "One Mission's Kid's Cancer Buzz Off" to donate to teams, or to create your own team. To donate to a team, click on their team name and hit "Sponsor this Team" to donate or click "Join this Team" to create your own team.



## Steps to complete your search for a job

### Junior Delgado Voice Contributor

#### Step 1: Explore Your Career Options

If you are wondering what jobs are out there and which ones are a good fit for you, use the tools on our Career Exploration page. Tools such as "What Can I Do With a Major In...?" will help you get started on the career path for you.

#### Step 2: Develop a Job Search Plan

Meet with a career counselor to design a plan specific to you and your career aspirations. We suggest utilizing multiple approaches in order to increase the number of opportunities available to you:

##### a. Networking

The job search isn't all online. Participate in networking opportunities like Chamber of Commerce meetings, Young Professional Society events and WSU Networking Nights, but don't forget that some of the best resources are the people you know around you. Ask profes-

sors, relatives, or friends if they know someone in your desired industry. If you have had an internship experience, talk to your supervisor or internship coordinator about jobs they might recommend to you.

Another valuable resource within Career Connections is "Find a Mentor." This tool allows you to search for Westfield alumni in your field of interest, so that you can contact them for advice, a job shadow, or even helpful tips to motivate you in your search. LinkedIn is one of the best ways to professionally network online and can be a great tool to help you get a job.

##### b. Attending Job Fairs

Job fairs provide you with an opportunity to meet employers, make a professional connection, and ask questions about them and any positions they may have available. It's important to attend job fairs that include employers in your area of interest. To view a list of upcoming job fairs, go to <http://www.westfield.edu/offices-services/career-center/students/the-job-search/steps-to-the-job-search/>.

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##### c. Professional Associations

Seek out the professional associations in your field. Professional associations maintain job boards and offer job searching advice specific to your field or industry. They also offer many networking and professional development opportunities through annual conferences, monthly workshops, newsletters, and more. WEDDLE's Association Directory can help you connect with the right professional association for you.

##### d. Online Job Search

There are numerous job search engines online which help you search by industry, location, job title, and more. When you are entering search criteria, be sure to try a few different combinations of search items, in case the initial results don't seem to match your search. View industry-

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## crime log

*Editor's Note: We are going to make the crime log a regular feature of this newspaper as it is our responsibility to report the news of the campus--good or bad.*

*A larceny was reported on April 16. The crime occurred in the Horace Mann Center from Feb. 10 to April 16. The case remains open.*

*Two trespasses occurred at Lansdowne Place. One happened April 18 at 1:54 a.m., when a trespass notice was issued. The second occurred the next day, on April 19, at 1:49 p.m. Another trespass notice was issued.*

# student government

*From the front page*

ing what they're receiving now," Broderick said. A majority of students say they smoke marijuana to help relieve stress, she said.

Steve Mailloux, representative-at-large, asked whether or not there is specific information about the number of cases in each building. He was curious if Scanlon Hall had the biggest impact to the total number of cases since it was all first-years this year.

Broderick said she didn't know if Scanlon Hall had a direct impact on the number of cases, but that first-year students are typically the highest offenders in terms of class rank. LaMontagne said that the percentage this year of first-year offenders, out of the rest of the classes, is close to 65%.

Jennifer McDiarmid, parliamentarian, asked Broderick if she thinks the increase of student conduct cases is due to the lessening of the drug policy or is it just the large size of the new first-year class. Broderick said she thinks it is because of the large size of the incoming class.

Ryan Losco, president of the class of 2016, asked what are some new ways to educate the incoming first-year class at orienta-

tion and advise these cases. LaMontagne said, "We are planning on showing the top five things that are going to get you into my office and bounced out of here." She said that this way is the most honest and upfront approach to new students.

Losco also asked if the Alcohol EDU online test will be mandatory for the next incoming class. Both Broderick and LaMontagne said yes.

Joshua Clark, representative-at-large, asked if the number of cases would stay the same or continue to rise even with the new policy. "I would anticipate it staying at the same level. Alcohol [offenses] will be hard to bring it down, and I see drugs [offenses] either staying consist or going up, unfortunately," said Broderick. LaMontagne said that it is too early to tell if the policy will help bring the numbers down and it will take a full three years to see if it is working.

After Broderick was finished, LaMontagne showed three changes in policies and one brand new one.

The first change pertained to the smoking policy, saying that the campus is not 100% smoke-free because of the exception of smoking at

one of the gazebos near New Hall and Ely. Also the addition of prohibiting any e-cigarettes or smoking pens was added.

A straw poll was taken to see if the patio area in the woods behind University Hall should be added to the exceptions list. The majority of the Senate had approved of the addition of the patio.

The second change is the same for the alcohol policy, saying that there are exceptions to the rules.

The third policy is a brand new one that was presented to the SGA to see if student feedback is positive. The policy warrants that the university has the authority to make a student go on a medical leave even if the student refuses to do so.

This policy is only implemented when a student is harmful to him or herself, to others, and a constant disruption to university activities. When the student is taken out of the university, an expert psychologist, psychiatrist, or physician must then do an evaluation of the student and notify the university if that student is safe to be back in the university.

The fourth and final change was in the sexual assault and misconduct policy. The additions to

policy are the procedures of stalking and domestic violence.

Losco asked if relationship violence goes beyond just a couple in a relationship, including roommates and suitemates. LaMontagne said yes because it is the way that Massachusetts has its laws written.

After LaMontagne was done speaking, Taylor Fote, president of the SGA, reclaimed the podium.

Fote announced that on May 1 there is an event called, "May Day," which will have the Dance Company and Dance Team performing on the Green. She said there would also be a huge eight-foot 175th anniversary sign that students can sign and free 175th Westfield merchandise will be given out.

Stone Koury, student trustee, said June 26 is the last Board of Higher Education meeting and asked all SGA representatives if they had any question for him about the policies before the meeting.

Rebecca DiVico, vice president of student life, announced the building damages on campus since April 23. The average amount per person for damages in The Apartment Complex is \$0,

Courtney Hall \$3.35, Davis Hall \$6.64, Dickenson Hall \$1.40, Lammers Hall \$5.05, Landsdowne Place \$0.99, New Hall \$1.04, Scanlon Hall \$8.50, and University Hall \$0.35.

Kevin Soucie, community relations and fundraising representative, said that the blood drives from both semesters yielded 495 pounds of blood, which can save 1,485 people.

Before the meeting was over, Clark motioned to open new business, which was greeted with sighs and moans due to the long meeting, and the motioned passed. Clark gave the annual State of the Voice Address. In the address he announced that Andrew Burke, currently the layout editor and sports editor, will be co-editor-in-chief of the Voice alongside Clark. He went on to say the Voice is doing well and will have published 572 pages this academic year.

After new business was closed the meeting was adjourned by the madam president.

The last meeting of the Student Government Association for this academic year will be April 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.



# News from around the world

ASSEMBLED BY MATTHEW CARLIN, ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR

## From the week of April 18

**Tehran, Iran:** This week, Iran was infuriated when the U.S. senate voted to deny a visa to the Iranian nominee as ambassador to the United Nations. The nominee, Hamid Aboutalebi, was peripherally involved in the 1979 hostage taking at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, acting as a translator for the revolutionaries.

For some reason, Iran refuses to acknowledge the right the United States has in granting Visas to diplomats as the host nation of the U.N. Iran's foreign ministry is in protest and a

lawmaker has claimed that the U.S. is conducting complete interference in the internal and international affairs of the U.N.

**Havana, Cuba:** Alan Gross, a government contractor for the United States, has been imprisoned in Cuba for more than four years and has begun a hunger strike this past week to protest his treatment. His protest is against the treatment that the Cuban and U.S. governments have been treating his situation, which he claims to be worsening by the day.

Gross has lost 110 pounds since his arrest

in 2009 for giving Cuban dissident groups Internet equipment under a U.S. Agency for international development program.

Gross' release seems to be worsening more and more as a series of mistruths, deceptions, and inaction by both governments have plagued this debacle. Last week, USAID admitted to funding yet another Internet program in Cuba.

**Pretoria, South Africa:** Oscar Pistorius, for the first time, took the witness stand this week sobbing and distressed over describing how he fatally shot his

girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, after mistaking her for an intruder. The Olympian amputee has been charged with premeditated murder and took off his prosthetic legs to show how vulnerable he felt when he thought a burglar was climbing through is bathroom window.

Pistorius fired four shots at the closed bathroom door before realizing his girlfriend might be inside. He broke down as he recounted finding his girlfriend slumped on the bathroom floor in a pool of blood. Pistorius became so emotional that the court had to be ad-

joined.

**Kramatorsk, Ukraine:** Ukrainian defense ministry in Kiev claims that Pro-Russian militants in eastern Ukraine have seized six Ukrainian armored vehicles. Apparently locals outside the city or Kramatorsk stopped six tanks and disarmed the soldiers inside the vehicles.

The tanks were then apparently seized and driven off. NATO is increasing activity in the bordering states to both Ukraine and Russia. Officers of the Ukrainian military will not follow orders to "shoot his own people."



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## From 'The Voice' Vault

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# Student Senate Votes on Budgets

by Donna Scaglione

Preceding the Student Senate meeting on Tuesday, March 30th, was the voting on amendments to the 1982-1983 Senate Budget. Various clubs have been allotted funds for their activities. Amending the budget provides an opportunity for clubs to seek additional funding.

Among those clubs seeking further aid was the Theatre Company. The company received an increase of \$500. The T.V. Club received a \$700 increase for copy paper and set construction. Its petition for a \$1200 increase for a wire service was defeated. Many senators felt that the club had already been granted sufficient

funds to work with. The club was granted a total of \$2070.

The Exchange-USA Program received an increase of \$1000 to lighten the traveling expenses for Westfield students who participate in the Exchange Program and must travel to Wisconsin, Alaska, and other distant states.

The Graphic Arts Club received an increase of \$24 for supplies. The Radio Club was granted an increase of \$591 for a microphone and 26 additional phono cartridges. The Iron Dragon Club's petition for an increase of \$215 for registration at tournaments was turned down.

Senate held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, April 13th. Senate did not meet during the week prior to

the April 13th meeting because of the Spring Blizzard.

The Student Life Committee expressed a concern with a recent incident which occurred on Westfield State's playing turf. The committee reported that an ambulance was unable to drive through the gates of the turf on to the playing field to assist an injured athlete. The ambulance driver allegedly tried unsuccessfully for five minutes to maneuver the vehicle onto the turf. It was reported that the vehicle had to stop outside of the turf, and the driver had to walk on the playing field to the injured athlete.

Although this incident was not an emergency, many senators felt

something should be done to the gates to enable an ambulance to assist injured athletes quickly and efficiently. The problem, Senate decided, will be worked on.

The Senate Banquet has been scheduled for Thursday evening, May 13th. Cocktail hour begins at 6:30. Dinner will be served at 7:30. Tickets will go on sale on Monday, April 26th in the Campus Center for \$10 per student. The gala affair will be held at the Chez Josef in Agawam. The band "Justin" will provide the music. Students are advised to buy their tickets early to assure admittance.

Senior Class President Mary Gazzola reported that approximately 400 Seniors have not

registered for graduation. Seniors must register in the Registrar Office in order to graduate.

Recently, Dickinson Hall residents were told that if they lived in a room on the second, third, or fourth floors ending in the numbers two, three, five, and seven and between sections "B" through "E," they could not have that room back for next year. These rooms were to be reserved for tripled freshmen. However, Dickinson Hall reported that 183 concerned residents signed a petition against this ruling and brought it to Housing Director Alan Crandall. Crandall agreed that these women should be allowed to keep their rooms for next year if they so desire.

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## Senate Proposes Academic Appeals Board

By Janet Kulphinski

The Student Senate held its weekly meeting Tuesday night, and discussed several campus issues and upcoming events.

Student Life reported on the completion of arrangements for a memorial service and dedication ceremony for Billy Proust, a member of the Junior class who was tragically killed in a construction accident earlier this summer. On Sunday, November 7, a memorial service will be performed by Father Dean at 12 noon. A plaque in Proust's memory will then be presented to the Interfaith Center by President

Pilecki, as is the custom in such instances. Pilecki and selected students will then attend a luncheon for the Proust family.

Freshman Class President Jill Whyte reported success in the pom-pom business, the class' first fund-raising event of the year. Pom-poms will continue to be sold at athletic events until the supply runs out. Jill also announced the first class meeting as being Monday, Nov. 1.

Sophomore Class President Joe Spinola had some interesting updated information on the class' celebrity auction held in early October. The girl to whom an item of Ted Knight's was sold wrote to

the actor to thank him for his generosity. Knight wrote back, and requested that a Westfield State sweatshirt be added to his already-ample collection of university sweatshirts, an item of which is worn by the actor on his CBS hit "Too Close for Comfort" every week. Once the sweatshirt is received, Knight will inform the college what episode he will wear the shirt in. On that date, a "Westfield State Night" of some sort will take place on campus. Details will be given once they are worked out.

OWL Editor-in-Chief Chip Crowley moved that Senate allow an additional \$2000 to the paper so that it may maintain its weekly

publication. Crowley said the paper is currently on a bi-weekly publication budget of \$660 per issue, and that so far each issue has cost \$590. "Obviously," said Crowley, "we cannot continue without more money; we'll be budget-less by the end of the semester." In making his case to the Senate, Crowley pointed out that the OWL is an organization that benefits the entire student body, in that it is reliable and provides useful information about what occurs on campus. When Crowley spoke to the Senate, the Budget Committee had already tabled his request for two weeks, during which time Crowley is to exhaust all other possibilities of

funding sources. Based upon this, the Senate decided to table the motion for two weeks to see if something outside of Senate might be done for fund allocation.

The most-discussed issue in Senate was the proposal for an Academic Appeals Board, the outline of which will be sent to the All College Council and Academic Policies Committee for approval. After much debate on one of the proposal's points concerning the power of the Board to make any grade changes final, the Senate closed debate and voted to approve the proposal as written. More information will be provided on the proposal as it continues its way through the school's system.

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# opinions & editorials

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2014

RACE RUGH, EDITOR

## The Conservative View

### Rejoice! Congress has finally done something RIGHT! No way!

These past few weeks, a special congressional committee has discussed and questioned the former head of the IRS commission that handled non-profit status. The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee voted last Thursday to hold Lois Lerner in Contempt of Congress, in what seems to be an escalation of Republicans attempting to "get to the bottom" of the IRS official's role in the targeting scandal performed by the IRS on Tea Party groups.

The committee voted 21-12 to hold Lois Lerner in contempt. The vote followed hours of heated debate on the committee, in which Lerner has continuously invoked her 5th amendment right.

Unless Lerner agrees to cooperate, meaning she must begin testifying, the full house will most likely support contempt and push the case to the courts.

The house Ways and Means committee voted to refer Lerner's case to the Justice Department for "Lerner may have violated one or more criminal statutes." However, conveniently, the Department of Justice is not obligated to take up committee's request.



**Matt Carlin**  
Asst. Managing Editor

However, the situation intensified once emails confirmed that Representative Elijah Cummings' staff did indeed communicate and correspond with IRS officials regarding the Tea Party organization True The Vote. Cummings originally denied the allegations saying there was no correspondence between his staff and the IRS, since it would appear that an illegal amount of confidential taxpayer information was shared between the two staffs.

Now let me add my commentary here, since it would seem you couldn't be a mainstream media journalist if you don't report speculation or your own opinions... so I guess it's time to join the enemies' ranks.

By invoking her 5th amendment right, Lois Lerner clearly admits her guilt. Democrat, Republican, unaffiliated, Tea Party, I don't care who you are, the Fifth Amendment is the only way to stay in-



*Lois Lerner has been the subject of intense media scrutiny, especially involved with the scandal that has rocked the IRS and the White House.*

nocent when guilty. The IRS has committed a crime by illegally scrutinizing the True The Vote organization.

I won't even forget to mention that Elijah Cummings has himself, through his staff, acquired confidential taxpayer information. This sort of information allowed his staff to aid the IRS in the extra-scrutinized effort to prevent True The Vote from gaining nonprofit status.

Congress remains divided by party lines on this issue. Democrats are calling the issue a "weak case" for a "beaten up Republican Party". I'm sorry if I may offend someone when I say this, but who

controls the house?

Who is contesting the Democratic majority in the senate? Who doesn't have a president that is being quickly thrown away by the American people, who he himself has thrown away?

If the Republican party is anything, it isn't this bruised up, battle tired warrior. In fact, conservatives are the only ones in government who are continuously able to maintain a degree of dignity.

As I said last week, Democrats are jumping ship from their prized presidency and are continuously trying to distance themselves from each other. Well, I guess that is until someone breaks

the law for them. I guess there is some sort of honor amongst thieves? All I can say, I am glad that Congress (due to a strong conservative majority in the house) will do the right thing and bring the IRS to justice.

I can't believe that Congress is divided in this, Democrats are trying to save face by calling the case "weak" and "inquisitive" however, facts are facts and the IRS has committed a crime against the very people they are supposed to be serving.

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## Letter to the Editor

# Realities of the Rail Trail project need to be addressed

To The Editor:

There has been a lot of talk lately relative to Phase II construction of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail in Westfield. Some important issues and valid concerns have been raised by local residents. Unfortunately, there has been little discussion of many of the realities of this project, or with regard to many of the common myths related to urban trails.

This letter aims to dispel some of these myths.

**Myth:** Residents had little involvement in the planning process.

**Fact:** Plans for the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail date back to the early 1990s. Since then, the City has conducted both public information sessions, and, as required by Massachusetts law, a number of public hearings related to design and construction. Closer to construction of both Phase I and Phase II, abutters and residents within 1,000 feet of the Trail received invitations to neighborhood meetings. Announcements were made via a myriad of media channels.

There has been ample opportunity to ask questions, address concerns, offer suggestions, and provide feedback.

**Myth:** Land and trees have been taken resulting in lack of property and privacy.

**Fact:** The City owns a clearly marked easement/right-of-way along the Columbia Greenway and has plans to include both deco-

orative/privacy fencing, as well as landscaping to address any concerns regarding privacy. The City has been and will continue to be a good neighbor.

**Myth:** Minimal thought has been given to protect the safety of children.

**Fact:** There has been extensive thought given to ensure the safety of children – and every other user of the Trail.

The Columbia Greenway, just as with any other transportation system, has rules of use (the standard is a 15MPH speed limit on bike paths). The East Silver Street access ramp will adhere to standards outlined by the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices [as it does for streets and highways], including, in the likeliest scenario, a “Warning: Trail Ends” and/or “Stop” sign at the approach to, and end of the ramp, respectively.

Additionally, the sidewalk along East Silver Street will be widened to Coleman Avenue. Trail users will be directed to a curb cut (already existing at Coleman and East Silver Streets) for street access. A railing is to be installed along East Silver Street as an additional safety precaution.

**Myth:** The Rail Trail will decrease property values.

**Fact:** Several studies have been conducted across the United States demonstrating exactly the opposite. According to Home Sales Near Two Massachusetts Trails (Jan. 25,

2006; Craig Della Penna), “Municipalities throughout the United States have found economic benefits in Bike Trails within close proximity to residential areas.” Further, the study finds, “Homes sales were examined in the seven Massachusetts towns through which the Minute-man Bikeway and Nashua River Rail Trail run. Statistics on list and selling prices and on days on the market were analyzed. The analysis shows that homes near these rail trails sold at 99.3% of the list price as compared to 98.1% of the list price for other homes sold in these towns. The most significant feature of home sales near rail trails is that these homes sold in an average of 29.3 days as compared to 50.4 days for other homes.”

In a separate study conducted by the Rails To Trails Conservancy (Economic Benefits of Trails and Greenways, 2004)

“A 1998 study of property values along the Mountain Bay Trail in Brown County, Wisconsin shows that lots adjacent to the rail sold faster and for an average of 9 percent more than similar property not located next to the trail.” Further, “Realizing the selling power of greenways, developers of the Shepherd’s Vineyard housing development in Apex, North Carolina added \$5,000 to the price of 40 homes adjacent to the regional greenway, those homes were still the first to sell.”

**Myth:** Having a rail

trail in our backyard increases crime.

**Fact:** One has only to look at neighboring communities [Southwick, Easthampton, Northampton, Amherst] as examples of ways in which having a trail has had little or no effect on crime rates. There is plenty of evidence to suggest a trail has no effect on crime, and may actually lead to a decrease in crime.

□ A number of studies have now shown that urban greenway trails do not increase crime and, in fact, are commonly regarded as improvements by adjacent property owners.

□ Comparisons of mugging, assault, rape, and murder make it quite clear that rail-trail crime rates are almost non-existent on a per capita comparison to other areas. (Bike Path Phobia: Selling Skeptics on Urban Greenway Bike Paths, Parks & Recreation, 2000; Tod Schneider)

□ Stories of trails attracting drug dealers, murderers and rapists are perpetuated by trail opponents with only a handful of newspaper headlines to back up their assertions rather than empirical research...

□ The research that has been conducted, along with anecdotal evidence, suggests that converting an abandoned rail corridor to a trail actually tends to reduce crime by cleaning up the landscape and attracting people who use the trail for recreation and transportation...

□ The study found

that incidents of vandalism and burglary did not increase as a result of the trail. (Rail-Trails and Safe Communities: The Experience on 372 Trails. National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, January 1998; Tammy Tracy & Hugh Morris)

Residents have an opportunity to attend the annual Trail Mixer event planned for Thursday, May 15, from 4 to 7pm at Shaker Farms Country Club Pavilion and Trail Head parking area.

In addition to learning more about the Columbia Greenway project children and families will participate in a scavenger hunt aimed at providing useful educational tools for trail users. Topics include: bicycle safety; safe road crossings; trail rules; and users guide and responsibilities.

For those with further questions about the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail, or the work of Friends of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail, I invite you to attend one of our monthly Board of Directors meetings.

All meetings are open to the public and are held on the third Tuesday of each month (with the exception of July and August) at 6.30pm at the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court Street.

Questions may also be emailed to Columbiagreenway@gmail.com, or posted to our Facebook page.

Sincerely,  
Jeffrey J. LaValley  
Chair, Board of Directors



From the Editor's Desk

## Constitutionally mandated State of the Voice address delivered to the Student Government Association

*At Tuesday's meeting of the Student Government Association, I delivered the second annual 'State of the Voice' address. Similar to the SGA president's 'State of the Campus,' this speech is meant to convey all of the things happening with the newspaper and its related activities.*

*The editor-in-chief is constitutionally mandated to deliver this speech, which is a clause that has been in the constitution of The Westfield Voice since the 1970's during its time as The Westfield State Owl.*

*The following is the full text from the speech, delivered during new business on Tuesday.*

Good evening, everybody! Let me take a minute to thank the executive board, especially the outgoing members. This is my first full year as a senator and I am awestruck at the dedication exhibited by everybody sitting at this table and I think that they are all tremendous people. This organization would not be where it is today without them. You know, the goal with something is to always leave it in better condition than when you found it, and they live this everyday. So I thank you all.

As I did in April of last year, I am here tonight, in my capacity as editor-in-chief of the Westfield Voice, to deliver to you the State of The Voice address. I should let you know I am constitutionally obligated to do this, and as a good representative of the Student Government, I do not want to go violating club constitutions. I don't want to have the Rules and Regulations Committee come after me... they're tough!

The truth is that the Voice is doing quite well. Under my leadership thus far, we have published 524 pages of West-

field State campus news & life, Student Government, opinions & editorials, arts & entertainment, and athletics. Last year, we published only 372. That's a 70% increase over last year, and we still have a 24-page paper coming out this Friday, and the special SGA elections issue, which will also be 24-pages, coming out May 2. We are very proud to be pushing a total of 572 pages this year alone. That is 100 pages less than Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, by way of comparison.

We have enlisted seven first-years to sit on our editorial staff. Emily Hanshaw, managing editor; Matthew Carlin, assistant managing editor; Andrew Burke, layout editor and sports editor; Gina Muller, assistant layout editor; Caroline Chizek, assistant arts & entertainment editor; Mike O'Loughlin, online managing editor; and Andrew Morin, assistant online editor. These seven make insurmountable contributions to the Voice, and it is a debt I could not pay back. If they were not in that office upstairs helping me week-after-week, the newspaper would not be where it is today. I appreciate and thank every single one of them.

We also have three seniors who will be leaving us. Lyndon Seitz and Lewis Pacheco, arts & entertainment editors, and Joey Cooper, sports editor, are graduating and moving on to bigger and better things. The three of them have been with the newspaper longer than I've been a student here, so I have asked and received their guidance on several

occasions, which I appreciate.

When I spoke last year, I discussed the important working relationship that exists between the Student Government and the Westfield Voice. I said, "The SGA and The Westfield Voice are meant to be work-

ing partners... There is no better person than I to realize that without this organization, there would most likely be no newspaper." I talked about the "bond" between the two organizations that "will never be broken." This was all before The Situation hit. I had high hopes that this year would be a cake walk and we would all prance around in fields of flowers and hold hands while reporting trivial things like finance proposals and speaker series guests. Boy, was I wrong.

When I opened up The Republican on a sunny day in the middle of July and saw "Dobelle" and "audit" in the headline, I knew it was going to be a tough year. But after the first interest meeting, which was Standing Room Only in our office, and after witnessing the work that came out of that office onto the pages of the newspaper, I was relieved. Of course, the tensions of having to report such a controversial story were at times too much to bear, and in fact, I almost walked away from the newspaper. But I learned that sometimes you need to delegate and take a step back to breathe. It allowed me to refocus and get back to the work of the newspaper.

As for next year, as we may know, I am an unopposed candidate for vice president of student

life in this very organization. Should I win (fingers crossed), I am going to assume one of the hardest positions on this campus open to students, even more difficult than my current position in the newspaper. But I am not stepping down from my editor-in-chief position. To help me in this endeavor, I have asked Andrew Burke, currently our layout editor and sports editor, to join me as co-editor-in-chief. He has been with us for all of this year and has proven worthy of such an honor. Him and I will share the duties and tasks associated with the position and I have the utmost confidence that he will do well in this new role.

The goals I set last year for the relationship between the Voice and the SGA were certainly achieved. We have built a stronger bond just over the course of this academic year, and for that, I am grateful. I can only hope that next year we will continue along this same course.

As I said last year, while I can sense that I will always have your support as individuals and as senators [now representatives], I want to ensure that the Student Government Association is aware that it has Andrew and I's support as co-editors-in-chief, and my promise that the bond between us that we share will never be broken.

I would once again like to thank the outgoing members of the executive board and I look forward to working with the incoming executive board on matters pertaining to the newspaper. Together, we can continue to make this university a better place.

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**Joshua Clark**  
Editor-in-Chief

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## Gentlemen's Weekly

# The ins and outs of a properly tucked shirt

**Y**ou may be asking yourself why I am covering this topic. Is there really a need to teach men something so basic that most of us have been doing since we were five? Well yes actually. Just look around. How many men do you see sporting a billowy, unkempt looking shirt? Or what about that guy who gave a presentation who unconsciously re-tucked his shirt three times during a five minute talk? Most men have no system for tucking in their shirts. Just because you are doing something, it doesn't mean that you're doing it correctly.

We've all had that annoying situation with an improperly tucked shirt in which we must fiddle around with it for a few minutes to make it comfortable, only to have it come partially untucked or uncomfortable again. The goal of this article is to introduce you to a few tactics that might eliminate this nuisance.

One question that is often debated is when should you tuck in your shirt? Here are a few guidelines that you should follow to make this decision:

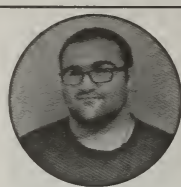
Shirts that are made with a flat bottom hem are meant to be untucked. If the shirt hem varies in length all the way around, then it should always be tucked in. Wearing a shirt with an uneven hem untucked is not a forbidden look; however it is a juvenile one.

With nothing else on the upper body, it makes you look like a teen rebel at a wedding. Under a jacket or with a suit, being untucked is even worse, making you look like your trying too hard to be stylishly unkempt. If you wish to appear this way, power to you. For my money, I will tuck a shirt with tails to give myself a sharper and more mature look.

If your shirt does not have tails, there's more leeway on whether or not you should tuck them in.

**Undershirts** should always be tucked in (in addition, undershirts should never be visible).

**Polos** can have an even hem and be worn untucked, but are also often tucked in for a dressier look. Rugby shirts, their long-sleeved cousins, are almost never tucked in.



**Joshua Minardi**  
Social Media Coordinator

**Turtlenecks/roll collars**, if worn under a sports jacket or blazer should be tucked in, so that the belt buckle is visible. On their own, it's better to leave them untucked.

**Hawaiian shirts**, and other loud-print shirts don't get tucked in no matter what their hem looks like. Seriously, don't do it. Nothing looks dorkier than a tucked in vacation shirt. This rule applies to guayaberas as well.

**T-shirts** can be tricky. Opinions will vary widely. Some subcultures love the tucked in t-shirt with belt-buckle visible, others will think you look like a complete nerd. It depends a lot on the shirt, the belt, and the trousers as well as your overall style. In general, don't tuck in the T-shirt though.

When it is the proper time to tuck in your shirt, do it the right way. A good tuck

should make the front of your body smooth and flat. If your waist tapers below your rib cage, that should be visible. There should be no wrinkling and no "muffin-topping". You should also have a clean "gig line" - a military term for the imaginary line straight down the front of your body, from the point of your chin to your crotch.

A well tucked shirt should sit so that the shirt packet (rectangle of fabric where the front buttons are located) lines up precisely with the fly of your trousers. The belt buckle and trouser button should be centered on that same line. Keep in mind that a good shirt fit will always make tucking the shirt in easier. The less excess fabric you're dealing with, the less your tuck has to secure.

This is about where most men start and finish their shirt-tucking education - shirttails inside the trousers, above the underpants, shoved straight down all the way around the waist. It's the no-thought way to do it, and it's the most common as a result.

The following is the basic trouser tuck.

Quick, simple and effective. The easiest way to do it is to put your underwear on, put your shirt on and buttoning them closed over the shirttails.

Your shirt ends up being pinned beneath your trousers with no effort on your part. As long as the trousers aren't too loose, the shirt will probably stay there. Be cautioned though, this works well with a fitted shirt, but is terrible with anything else.

There are other ways to tuck in the shirt, such as the military tuck (good for excess fabric), but the above mentioned is the best and easiest. One final tip before I go is to tuck your undershirt (just your undershirt) into your underwear. It sounds weird, yes, but if you do this your undershirt will be much less likely to come untucked.

I hope that I have enlightened you on the correct way to tuck, so that next time you need to dress up, you can look as good as you can on your buck.

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The Seventh Side: Your Weekly Dose of Satire

## Zelony seeks a different position after 'victory'

Dear Westfield-  
peons, and everyone in-between,

We are starting to see the end of the Presidential crisis that has shaken Westfield to its very second layer of epidermal skin. Personally, I blame Obama for this madness, but we still have to deal with the problem of succession.

We need a strong leader who knows how to properly do nothing, how to deal with the people, and how to get caught earlier or not get caught at all, not like [REDACTED], who could be anyone really. Absolutely anyone,

**Sind T. Zelony**  
Not an A&E Editor

from within the past 175 years of university presidents.

You might recall that I recently ran for all simultaneous electoral offices in SGA, but pending my overwhelming victory in all categories there is something on my mind.

Can I truly make a non-difference in the position of Despot of SGA? Will the people truly ignore me there?

I just don't know, and that scares me a little. There can only be so much I cannot do before

I have responsibilities.

That is why I would like to recommend myself to the entire world and the cosmos (and the fifth dimension, but only the sunny side) that I, Sind T. Zelony, should be the next President of Westfield State University.

My general lack of financial success just means I'm comfortable spending other people's money. A true leader needs that skill in order to hire people to do things that have effects on the students.

Then, once we have some ideas, we try them on students. If it ruins their education, then we

can just graduate them, get some new ones, and try again.

It's not a big deal and none of you readers will be around for the implementation, so why have any apprehension about it? Apprehension means a lack of support, and don't you want to not support your potential future president, do you?

My qualifications are few, but why should that stop me from getting the job? What you call inexperience is simply a willingness to try new things, build new buildings.

I will build lots and lots of new buildings,

more than you can ever imagine. Is that what you want, Westfield?

I know that is what you want from a president; I know how it makes your mouth water. I'll cut all your ribbons for you, and you'll scream and applaud. I can imagine it now, can't you?

With sincerity obtained via political maneuvering,

Sind T. Zelony

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### The Liberal View

## Republican intervention prevents Fair Paycheck Bill

When the Green movement emerged, no one could stop talking about it: celebrities, politicians, neighbors; but we certainly are not talking about it as much anymore.

Is this because we have improved our standards of living and sustainability, or because this is a fad forgotten about? Where do we really stand globally with climate change?

This is a huge topic that involves factors from transportation to consumerism; I'll keep it simple by focusing on Northeastern U.S.

The Northeast has coastal regions, plains, and mountain ranges, so it's a good gauge to see the impacts of climate change.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

focuses on several factors of climate change in the Northeast, including precipitation and sea level rising, human health, agriculture and food, forests, and winter recreation.

To break each one down, we realize that we still have a lot of work as a whole to reduce climate change and continue to prevent future damage to our resources generations from now.

As we move out of the polar vortex we are to be expecting a solar vortex this summer with more days over 100 degrees than average.

As the temperature rises, air conditions worsen. Wheezing from allergens already—it's expected to get worse mixed with smog and emissions and increased carbon dioxide



**Erika Hayden**  
Voice Columnist

in parts per million in our air.

"Northeastern cities are likely to experience some of the highest numbers of heat-related illnesses and deaths, compared with the rest of the nation," says the EPA.

Intense precipitation with tropical storms and hurricanes mixed with high water temperatures can spread water-borne disease, breed vermin, and spread diseases such

as West Nile, in addition to damaging infrastructure to dams and levees.

Combined, these will directly impact crops and food supplies to people and livestock.

"While warmer temperatures would directly affect tree health, these conditions could also allow certain destructive invasive species to thrive," says the EPA on forests in the Northeast. This could destroy animal habitats across the region.

The Northeast is known for snowy, white winters. When the climate changes where there is less snow, the contribution of winter recreation adds to the economy falterers.

Creating fake snow also adds to more energy and emissions and a large

carbon footprint—and is also more expensive than the natural stuff.

This looks like a pretty dismal report. But Huffington post reported "11 wins for the Environment Since Last Earth Day".

These included bans on plastic bags, less mining in Alaska, added national parks, more solar power farms, and more court representation for environmental protection.

Interested in how to be green on campus? Keep recycling, reuse containers, vote to update the bottle bill, eat locally (supported by the DC), and use PVTA to get from point A to point B.

There are also a ton of opportunities to turn your thumb green and plant tulips, peas, and other plants around campus.

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# arts & entertainment

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LEWIS PACHECO AND LYNDON SEITZ, EDITORS

as of April 23, 2014**Top 10 Singles**

1. Pharrell Williams - Happy
2. John Legend-All of Me
3. Katy Perry-Dark Horse
4. Jason Derulo ft 2 Chainz - Talk Dirty
5. Idina Menzel-Let It Go
6. Bastille-Pompeii
7. Lorde-Team
8. DJ Snake and Lil Jon-Turn Down For What OneRepublic - Counting Stars
9. Aloe Blacc-The Man
10. OneRepublic - Counting Stars

**Top 5 Albums**

1. Frozen Movie Soundtrack
2. Pharrell Williams - GIRL
3. 5 Seconds of Summer - She Looks So Perfect
4. MercyMe - Welcome To The New
5. Black Label Society - Catacombs Of The Black Vatican

**Top 5 Movies**

1. Captain America: The Winter Soldier
2. Heaven is for Real
3. Rio 2
4. Transcendence
5. A Haunted House 2

**Upcoming DVDs**

1. Devil's Due
2. Labor Day
3. The Legend of Hercules
4. Gimme Shelter
5. Gloria

*Lyndon's Album Reviews*

*Vertical Bridge is reminiscent of AC/DC whereas The Black Shades is like Jack White*



**Lyndon Seitz**  
A&E Editor

**Vigri: Pink Boats** – This band tries to go for a big sound with mostly slow tempos and ballad-like songs. This would be great if they didn't try to do it for an entire album.

The music is all right, but there are bands that have already achieved (U2 comes to mind) what this record tries to achieve. It also had a tendency to go onward for more than was welcome, with me wondering when it was going to end.

At this point I realized that there was little reason to recommend this album to anyone.

**Vertical Bridge: Never Too Late** – This is somewhere between AD/DC and metal, ex-



cept with some songs of a slower tempo and lower volume added for variety. Like many albums I review, I find little fault in it except that it is highly derivative of what has come before it and has nothing to really add.

The first thing that popped into my head was AC/DC, instead of trying to figure out what this band was going to sound like. It is good, but unless you are a big fan of this type of music, you can probably give it a pass without any guilt.

**The Belle Brigade: The Belle Brigade**

– This band lies somewhere in between various flavors of southern and indie rock, and succeeds greatly. It isn't as strong in the middle of the album, but then it picks right back up



again and exceeds the listener's expectations.

Also included are some really wonderful melodies that feel fresh and vibrant in music. Some of the best songs on it were "Sweet Louise," "Belts of Orion," and "Fasten You To Me," all very different from each other, yet still excellent. It's probably worth it for you to get this album.

**The Black Shades:**

**Told Ya So** – This band takes either the book of The Strokes or Jack White and just runs with it. Even the lyrics sound like they could've been written by White in places, and it is only the mild Strokes influences that prevent it from becoming a carbon copy; the low-fi sound is the first thing you really notice.

That being said, this



EP is really fun rock and roll to listen to, and everything here is really solid. It's a cool set of songs and I recommend it to any fans of the above-mentioned artists.

**Viva Viva: Viva Viva** – It was a little difficult for me to figure out what to make of this album at first, but then I realized that this nothing particularly special, only alternative rock that seemed to take a few cues from Vampire Weekend in certain places (it isn't obvious at first, but the influence is there) and punk rock.

The rest of the time it seemed to be just generic rock, with a few tracks that were above average. That being said, I don't think it is worth making any special trip for.

## Season finale of 'House of Cards' was less than satisfying

**Joshua Clark**

Editor-in-Chief

**Spoiler Alert:** do not continue reading if you are interested in starting the series or have not finished seasons one or two.

The season two finale of 'House of Cards' did not play as I expected.

Now, I am not surprised that Frank ended up as president. The plays that he started could not have been just to become the vice president.

The scheme that Frank used to ascend to the presidency

was less than tight, though.

As the scheme was unfolding, it seemed like it was spinning out of control for Frank, especially during the interviews being conducted between Frank and the special investigator.

There was no way for him to control where the special investigator was going, even though the show's writers ensured that he would "know" what was going on.

When the president called Frank out for trying to usurp his

position, it seemed like Frank was losing his grip even further.

And when the president exiled him from conversations and meetings, it seemed like Frank almost lost all control of his machinations.

To me, it appeared that the writers started writing the endgame of Frank's scheme with the conclusion in mind but without refining the individual details.

And don't even get me started with Stamper! Being whacked with a rock in the head would certainly result in

his death. One of my managers at my job at home contends that he is not dead, but how can he not be?

He was hit with the rock at nighttime and the scene toward the end of the episode where the helicopters are searching for his body happens in the daytime, leaving so much time with his body undiscovered that he surely would have succumbed to the elements.

How could a person survive that long while unconscious? It does not seem possible for him to be alive any

longer.

If he is somehow alive still, I would be happy because he is the one character that has an unwavering loyalty to Frank. As I was typing this, I thought, "Well, Claire does, so Stamper is not the only one."

However, as we will recall, Claire opposed Frank in season one with the bill to get the Pennsylvania dockworkers' jobs back.

It is the above reasons and more that make me dissatisfied with the season two finale of 'House of Cards.'

## A look into Carlin's Mind: Imagine Dragons have finally sold out

**Matthew Carlin**

Assistant Managing Editor

If I said, when I found out I was going to have an article in every single section this week I played the song "Sweet Victory" as heard on SpongeBob, would you believe me? Well you should of, because of course I did.

Well lets get to it, the new "A Look into Carlin's Mind" an Arts and Entertainment Exclusive! Sadly, This first installment, I am a little bit annoyed. I was browsing Spotify looking for an Imagine Dragons album to play in the office during production.

Then I saw a new album for 2014 titled "Radioactive" featuring Kendrick Lamar". I cannot print exactly what I said due to censorship, but it went along the lines of "What The Heck?!"

Folks, I'm going to be honest here. The song was nothing but the original famous song, however near the end there was a brief rapping part by Kendrick, which all I can sum up is the words "tater tots" were uttered and I lost my cool.

Sadly, Imagine Dragons has fallen, and has given their souls and integrity to be defiled by the major music industry. This is the fate off

all underground bands that had a quick rise to stardom. To say that Imagine Dragons were the first of their kind to sell themselves out, well that would be a complete lie.

Sadly other bands like an old favorite of mine, Mumford and Sons, have fallen victim to the invasive and corrupting advances of the industry upon themselves.

Mumford and Sons sold themselves out when they announced "Babel" which essentially was them selling out their "sound" with their upbeat banjo rifts and Christian overtones.

I can't blame the industry though; once shady, always shady. However, I blame the musicians who refuse to stand up for themselves and their musical integrity and allow themselves to be persuaded by large sums of cash up front. What artists don't realize is that in the long run it is more hurtful than it is helpful.

When artists decide that they must give up their artistic creativity, and instead find new ways to present the same sort of chord progression.

That issue is instead of getting royalties once the band dissolves, the

band must rely on packing in as many concerts as they can, before people get sick of listening to their stuff.

However, if they instead produced an assortment of variety music for their albums, it would ensure an endless possibility of future purchases.

Now I must say that in fact, I am disappointed in Imagine Dragons for this travesty; I was a fan before their immediate popularity with "Radioactive" and "Demons." However, this could be swept under the rug if they produce a legitimate album this year.



## Knowing to Cook

# The Art of Successfully Dining Out

**Ryan Cashman**

Voice Columnist

There is nothing quite like a good restaurant. Unfortunately, for picky foodies like me, finding a restaurant that meets my standards of quality can be difficult.

Recently, however, I have found myself pleasantly surprised by restaurants here in Westfield. I am going to mention two restaurants, Clemenza's and Emma's, which I have visited recently because there are nights when even I don't feel like cooking. Shocking, I know.

The name of the restaurant Clemenza's first crossed my ear at the beginning of the fall semester. Clemenza's is a relatively new development in Westfield, and was described to me as a gourmet pizzeria.

Naturally, I was interested. The restaurant is located on Elm Street near the center of town in an old brick building likely dating back to the early 1900s. Clemenza's offers a welcoming and warm interior environment.

Large windows line three walls of the restaurant, giving diners a view of the historic street outside.

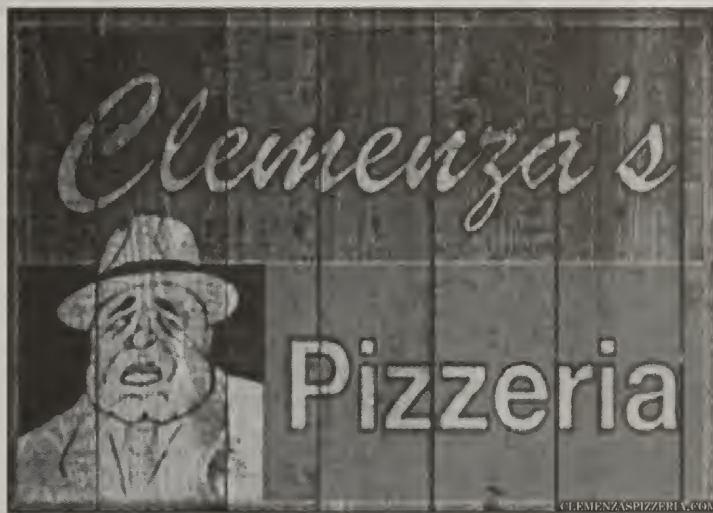
The brick oven is in full view of any seat in the restaurant, giving the place a wonderfully rustic atmosphere that is perfectly complemented by the dim lighting and the candle lit tables.

Now, to the food! Clemenza's menu, despite running a single page, offers a decent variety of offerings. The top half is dedicated to pizza, with a section for specialty pizzas and spot for build your own.

The bottom two sections of the menu are for pasta and salads. And for those of you over 21, the beer and wine list is located on the back of the menu. I ordered a brick oven pizza, the name of which I cannot recall.

The pizza was topped with pepperoni, onions, tomatoes, and olives. The crust was perfectly crisp and the ingredients complemented each other almost perfectly. No ingredient severely overpowered the other.

For dessert I had a cannoli and an espresso, both of which were surprisingly excellent. The espresso surprised me the most; it had a strong and robust flavor, which perfectly complimented the sweetness of the cannoli.



Emma's, the second restaurant on my list, is an unassuming and humble restaurant located on Washington Street. From the exterior, Emma's does not look like much.

However, any doubt about the quality of the restaurant is immediately extinguished the moment you walk in the door.

Upon entering, you are greeted by the take out window and get a great view into the kitchen.

Heading into the actual restaurant, you are greeted by friendly wait staff that seats you promptly.

The restaurant has a wonderful atmosphere, with paraphernalia of Italy. My favorite piece on the wall

is a map of Italy constructed out of corks from wine bottles. Emma's is owned by a local Italian family who filled the menu with traditional Italian fare and old family recipes. The menu is too long for me to recall.

On the evening of my attendance, I ordered Pasta Pomodora, which is a wonderful pasta dish filled with garlic and tomatoes. It is beautifully simple and was perfectly executed by the chefs. For dessert, I once again ordered an espresso and again it was a beautiful and a wonderful complement to the meal.

Despite having a shorter review, I prefer Emma's to Clemenza's, simply because of the

wider variety in the menu and the fact that it is family owned and operated. However, dining at both of these restaurants was a fun and tasty experience.

Coming from Eastern Massachusetts, and living close to the gastronomic hub that is Boston, I was not expecting Westfield to have nearly as good restaurants as the two I experienced.

So, if anyone is looking for a good meal in the town of Westfield, I strongly recommend dining at either Clemenza's or Emma's. Whichever you chose, I guarantee that you are in for a great meal.

Recipes will return next week.

Buona Tavola and Mangiare Bene!

# Spring Weekend 2014 Information and Regulations

This year Spring Weekend will take place on campus Friday-Sunday, April 25-27. The Westfield State University Campus Activities Board will be presenting a concert and other activities primarily for the benefit of students and their guests but all members of the University community are welcome to attend at no cost except for the Saturday concert in the Woodward Center (a \$10.00 concert ticket may be purchased online through MeerKat Technology, Inc. A link will be provided through a separate email.) and where food and beverage charges are appropriate.

## Event Attendance

Spring Weekend events are solely intended for members of the University community and their invited guests; therefore, Spring Weekend events are not open to the public. Furthermore, while there is no charge for admission to events with the exception of meals and the concert on Saturday, April 26 at the Woodward Center, attendance at all indoor and outdoor venues will be monitored and controlled to ensure safety and order. University faculty/staff and student attendees are expected to present a valid Westfield State University ID upon request of officials. New or replacement University ID's and validation stickers are available in advance of the weekend at the Campus Card Office (Wilson Hall, Room 140B) during posted business hours but will not be available during the weekend.

## Guests

Students are welcome to have one non-Westfield State University Spring Weekend guest who is registered in advance. Guest

registration takes place from Monday, April 7 – Wednesday, April 23 at the Ely Campus Center Service Window during posted business hours.

Student hosts must register their guest in advance in order to receive an authorized Spring Weekend guest wristband. There is a \$15.00 nonrefundable registration fee for all Spring Weekend guests.

Only guests of resident students will be allowed in the Residence Halls during Spring Weekend.

A limited number of guest packets will be available for each residence hall and sold at the Campus Center Service Window on a first come, first served basis – Apartment Complex 40, Courtney, 40, Davis 30, Dickinson 30, Lammers 30, Lansdowne 20, New Hall 40, Scanlon 30, University Hall 40. Hosts are expected to escort their guests while on campus and to take responsibility for their guest's behavior. Unescorted guests may be asked by University officials to leave campus and to not return for the duration of Spring Weekend.

## Concert Tickets

Tickets for the Spring Weekend Concert on Saturday, April 26 will be \$10.00 per ticket for students and \$10.00 per ticket for a registered Spring Weekend guest (if applicable). Tickets will go on sale on Monday, April 7 at 8:00 am through MeerKat Technology. Students will receive the link through a separate email sent to your Westfield State University email account. Students may purchase up to two tickets. You will receive a ticket confirmation from MeerKat. A printed confirmation must be brought to the Campus Center Service Window during posted business

hours to redeem your concert ticket/tickets. You must have a concert ticket to attend the concert on Saturday, April 26. All other Spring Weekend activities are free to Westfield State University students.

## Legal Beverages

Alcoholic beverage containers including but not limited to individual containers, kegs and coolers are prohibited in public areas of the campus including all buildings, grounds, parking lots, walkways, courtyards, and roadways.

Alcoholic beverages shall not be transported to or from any program area on campus.

Open containers, bags and carrying items are subject to inspection upon entrance to all events and/or residence halls.

## Meals

### Friday, April 25

Dinner – Full Salad Bar, Entree: Chicken Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Peppers/Onions, Grill Area: Texas Toast Grilled Cheese, Corn Dogs, Cheeseburgers, Grilled Chicken, Fries, Deli: Popcorn Chicken, Bacon for sandwiches, Pizza: Buffalo Chicken Pizza, Cheese Pizza, Mac and Cheese Pizza, Bruschetta Flatbread, Specialty: Fried Ravioli, Mac N Cheese Bites, Chunk Chicken Tenders, Island: Meatball Subs, Desserts: Cheesecake, Dirt Cups, Sundae Bar including Hot Fudge, Carmel, Cherries, Sprinkles, Nuts, Whipped Topping, Tie Dye Cupcakes

Late Night Pancakes – Pancakes with Syrup, Toppings and Juice

### Saturday, April 26

Brunch – Regular brunch service in the Dining Commons

Barbecue Dinner – Hamburgers, Boneless

Barbecue Chicken, Veggie Burgers, Pasta Salad, Tossed Salad, Sliced Watermelon, Oranges and Bananas, Brownies, Cookies and Beverages

Guest Swipes will be allowed for students and for a registered Spring Weekend guest for Dinner on Friday, April 25 as well as Brunch and the Barbecue on Saturday, April 26.

Students not on a meal plan and all Spring Weekend guests also have the option to purchase meals at the Dining Commons for dinner on Friday, April 25 as well as brunch and the Barbecue on Saturday, April 26.

## Motor Vehicles

The following special regulations are in effect relative to motor vehicles:

Guest vehicles may occupy faculty/staff or visitor parking spaces, however, student vehicle use of faculty/staff or visitor parking space is prohibited at all times.

Overnight occupancy in motor vehicles is prohibited on campus.

## Residence Halls

These policies are in effect from 12 p.m. on Friday, April 25 to 12 p.m. on Sunday, April 27:

Only current Westfield State University students and registered Spring Weekend guests may visit residence halls on campus during this time period.

Residents are expected to present their validated Westfield State University ID when entering a residence hall.

Guests of residents on campus April 25-27 must be at least 18 years of age and must be signed-in by a resident of the residence hall to enter that hall.

Guests are required to present a valid U.S. state-

issued photo identification (or valid motor vehicle operator's license) and an authorized and properly affixed guest wristband.

All bags, carrying items and open containers are subject to inspection upon entrance to all residence halls.

## Woodward Center Concert

Students and registered guests attending the Saturday concert at the Woodward Center are directed to park at the Commuter Parking Lot.

A valid Westfield State University ID or Spring Weekend guest wristband and a purchased concert ticket are required to enter the concert area at the Woodward Center. A concert ticket may be purchased for \$10.00 on-line from Monday, April 7 – Wednesday, April 23 through MeerKat Technology, Inc. A limited number of concert tickets will be available and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Ticket sales are final – no refunds will be issued.

Individuals attending the Saturday concert at the Woodward Center must enter and exit the facility using only the main front or rear entrances. Side exits at the Field House are for emergency use only.

Food, beverages, beverage containers and any type of purse/backpacks are not permitted inside the Saturday concert area at the Woodward Center.

Westfield State University students and Spring Weekend registered guests entering the concert area may be subject to search procedures that may include wandering and searches.

No weapons of any kind will be allowed into the concert area (i.e., pocket knives and box cutters).



# owls athletics

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2014

ANDREW BURKE, EDITOR

## Springfield Edges Westfield

*Westfield Baseball Still Searching for First Win Since April 12*



Westfield catcher Evan Moorhouse attempts to block the plate from Springfield's Steve Starr with his left foot. The baseball team starts their conference tournament on May 1st.

### WSU Athletic Department

Steve Starr was 3 for 4 with two doubles and an RBI, and Frank Calabrese doubled and drove in the eventual game-winning run with a sacrifice fly to lead Springfield College to a 5-4 non-conference base-

ball victory over Westfield State University on Tuesday, April 22. Springfield improves to 18-11 with its sixth straight victory. Westfield is 13-15-1. The Pride scored two runs in the top of the ninth on one hit, three walks and a sacrifice fly to take a 5-3 lead. Springfield held on for the

victory as the Owls rallied for a run in bottom of the ninth and stranded a runner at third base. Shane O'Leary opened the top of the ninth by drawing a walk and advancing to second on Billy Paskowski's second sacrifice hit of the game.

Jared Hopkins ripped a single to right field and O'Leary was held at third base. Starr was intentionally walked to load the bases and the Pride took a 4-3 lead when Billy Peterson walked on four straight pitches. Calabrese then clubbed his sacrifice fly to deep left field. Westfield scored a run in its final at bat on a pair of pinch hits. E.G. McMillan lined a single to left field and Zach Clifford hammered a two-out RBI triple to deep left-center field. Dan McCormack was retired on a sharply hit ground out to first base to end the game. Springfield took a 1-0 first-inning lead. Starr led off with a double and scored on a two-out single by Sean Smith.

Westfield was retired in order in the first three innings then rapped four hits in the fourth to take a 2-1 lead on a two-run single by D.J. Bishop.

Springfield tied the score with a run in the sixth. Calabrese led off with a double, was sacrificed to third and scored on Dan Bergami's single.

The Owls regained the lead, 3-2, in the bottom of the sixth. Tim Santilli and Danny DiMatteo opened with singles and advanced to second and third on Bishop's sacrifice hit. Kyle Colesanti plated Santilli with a sacrifice fly.

Springfield again tied the score with a seventh-inning run. O'Leary led off

with a bad hop infield single and advanced to third on bunts by Paskowski and Hopkins. Starr then stroked a two-out RBI single thru the right side.

Springfield outhit Westfield, 12-8. Smith, Bergami and O'Leary each had two singles. Santilli singled twice for the Owls.

Jack Baldwin, the final of four Springfield pitchers, hurled an inning and two thirds for the victory. Kevin Zyrkowski pitched the last two innings and was tagged with the loss.

### **Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events**

*Thursday, April 17th*  
M Golf at WNEU 5th Place  
W LAX at WCSU L 6-16

*Friday, April 18th*  
Baseball at Framingham State (DH) L 3-4, L 1-2  
Softball at Framingham State (DH) L 6-8, L 2-3

*Saturday, April 19th*  
M/W Track at Springfield College Invite 4th/9th Place

*Monday, April 21st*  
M Golf at Assumption College Invite 6th Place  
Baseball at Salem State (DH) L 0-4, 2-1  
Softball at Salem State (DH) L 3-5, L 3-8

*Tuesday, April 22nd*  
M Golf at Elms College Invite  
Baseball vs. Springfield College

### **Upcoming Owls Athletics Events**

*Saturday, April 26th*  
Baseball (DH) 12:00 p.m.  
Softball (DH) 12:00 p.m.  
W LAX at Mass. Maritime 1:00 p.m.

M/W Track at UMass Dartmouth

*Sunday, April 27th*  
Baseball at Curry 12:00 p.m.  
W Golf vs RIC 12:30 p.m.

*Tuesday, April 29th*  
W LAX MASCAC Quarterfinals TBD

*Thursday, May 1st*  
W LAX Semifinals TBD  
Baseball MASCAC Quarterfinals TBD  
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## Sports From Carlin's Couch

# MLB replay system is hurting the game

**Matthew Carlin**  
Asst. Managing Editor

**You know, every time I** sit behind my desk and begin these articles, one thing comes to mind. How are there so many stupid people getting paid more than me? Now, of course, I am referring to the rapid degradation of American sports teams and their coaching staffs, particularly with the MLB coaches.

So, in recent news, Major League Baseball has provided coaches the ability to "challenge" umpire calls... What? When the heck did this game become the NFL? I mean besides the sissification of all American sports, what else does baseball have in com-

mon with football?

Well, it would seem that a common factor is the sub-par referee system that each sport has to offer. I guess the umpires have gotten so awful over the years that players and coaches have demanded a way to review their calls.

I mean, thank god, because maybe we wouldn't have that interference call from last year's World Series. I do have a concern over the intelligence level of coaches and how they were presented with this new rule.

It was April 20; the Red Sox had come back from 5-0 deficit in the first seven innings at the plate. The issue came up at the last inning when the bases were load-

ed and a pinch hitter came up to bat for the Sox. The ball was hit right into the Orioles left fielder's glove, who whipped the ball past both the third baseman and catcher allowing Pedroia, who previously tagged up, to make his way to home for the win.

Orioles' manager Buck Showalter, who had AL-READY benefited from an umpire review, tried pressing his luck again by attempting to challenge the call on the field. Well the joke and shame was on Showalter who was reminded that you CANNOT challenge a tag up call, which he commented "you can't appeal a tag. Go figure. They've got some really strange rules. That will

change, too, going forward."

The entire situation should have been avoided. In Fenway, before the replay system, Any ball that hits the top of the Green Monster and bounces back on to the field is a home run. However, with the new replay system, Pedroia's home run was called back to a double. Let me talk about for a brief moment the issue that I see in the very near future.

As it currently reads, the challenge rule says that managers will have the ability to challenge one play up to the seventh inning and if they win their challenges, they may continue to use them. However if a manager loses their challenge, they lose the ability

to challenge them.

After the seventh inning, the umpires will have the sole ability to decide if a play should be reviewed (of course managers have the ability to put the idea in the umpires heads).

Now the problem is exactly what Showalter said, "That will change, too, going forward." Now will it really? I mean let's be honest here, baseball has relatively been the same since its birth in Coopersville.

How, if at all, do coaches and managers feel they can now radically change the game of baseball because they feel "cheated" in the end all these rules will just make players act like soccer players and cry and whine over small things.

# The Plight of Golf in a Post Tiger World



PHOTO FROM GOLF DIGEST

**Connor Swan**  
Voice Reporter

**In the weeks leading up** to this year's Masters, the golf world was in full-scale panic mode. Tiger Woods,

the polarizing face of the PGA Tour, announced he would not be competing for golf's greatest prize for the first time since 1994. This year witnessed the lowest viewership since the 1993 tournament leading many

to fear for the future of the game.

The guard is changing in the PGA Tour. While the old stalwarts of Tiger and Phil Mickelson might have ten years or so left of golf, they will never be the game changing forces they were in their prime, making it crucial for the next generation of golfers to take the next step. The nature of golf begs for rivalry and dominance exemplified in the clashes of Woods and Mickelson, Snead and Hogan and Palmer and Nicklaus.

Golf is not without potential heirs to the throne Woods has built for himself, however. Rory McIlroy seemed primed to ascend to greatness after capturing two majors before his 24th birthday, only to spiral af-

ter switching all his clubs to Nike. Bubba Watson just captured his second Masters title, Massachusetts native Keegan Bradley has a PGA Championship under his belt, and Jordan Spieth just finished in second place at Augusta at the ripe old age of 20. There are other budding stars waiting in the wings, but their biggest challenge will be stepping out of the shadow of the giants.

It is not enough for golf to have the mantra of parody that it will be a crapshoot as to who will win on any given weekend. One of golf's young stars needs to take the bull by the horns and set the new standard, go one-on-one with Tiger on Sunday, and make a name for himself. We saw Rory come close and maybe

(hopefully), he will return to that otherworldly form that saw him win the U.S. Open and PGA Championship by eight strokes.

For the near future, golf will have plenty of storylines to keep fans attention. Any tournament Tiger attends will see ratings soar, particularly majors while Tiger chases the Golden Bear's fabled 18 major wins. People will tune in to see if Mickelson can finally bring home our national championship, completing the career grand slam with a long sought after the U.S. Open title. Past that, golf needs to foster the next great rivalry to dominate headlines the next two decades. Without one, the ratings of this year's Masters will be the norm, not the basement.

## Get Burked

*Paterno statue is down and should stay down*

PHOTO FROM CNN

*Joe Paterno is undoubtedly the greatest coach in the history of college football, but his mistakes and flawed character is something that should take precedent to his on-field accomplishments. The lives that he subsequently harmed are more important to how he should be viewed than the lives of people he helped.*

It seemed that the trial of Jerry Sandusky and the child abuse case at Pennsylvania State University was behind us and the state of people's minds was that everyone involved is responsible. However, the community is pushing for a new Joe Paterno statue on the campus.

Two years ago, news broke that Joe Paterno and other Penn State officials covered up knowledge that former defensive coordinator, Jerry Sandusky, had been sexually abusing children in the team's locker rooms in order to protect the university's reputation. Paterno originally stated that he would retire at the end of the season, but the Penn State Board of Trustees rejected his offer and fired him effective immediately.

On July 23, 2012, the NCAA vacated all of Penn State's wins from 1998 to

2011, instituted a 4-year bowl ban, and penalized the university \$60 million (the equivalent to one season's revenue total).

This penalty moved Joe Paterno from the winningest coach in NCAA football history to 12th on the list. Paterno died of complications from lung cancer on January 22, 2012, only two months after his firing.

When construction workers tore down the Paterno statue two years ago, there was a riot by the students in favor of the beloved coach. There were those who felt that his accomplishments on the football field trumped his mistakes behind the scenes. Those that felt his wins were more important than the lives that were affected because of his negligence.

Two alumni have received permission to install a \$300,000 life sized statue two miles downtown from



**Andrew Burke**  
Sports Editor

the original statue on campus. The statue will show Paterno sitting on a bench reading the Latin epic poem, Aeneid, by Virgil, written between 29 and 19 BCE. It is hoped to be installed by fall of next year.

Ted Sebastianelli, one of the programs organizers, said that it is clear the university isn't ready to do anything regarding the statue, but that he feels that he can take it upon himself to honor the coach of 61 years.

It is scientifically proven that people turn a blind eye to the flaws of the person that they are in love with. Fans do the same thing with people who bring success to their favorite sports team.

People have forgotten about Kobe Bryant's sexual assault case in 2003 and Ray Lewis's murder case in 2000, following Super Bowl XXXIV. Penn State fans are going through this same phase with Joe Paterno.

Although Paterno was not directly involved with the crimes, he knowingly allowed them to continue. Bullying awareness and prevention programs state that people who witness bullying and do not make any attempt to stop it are as guilty as the bully themselves. Paterno is as guilty as Sandusky in this case based off of the FBI investigation.

Sports are something

that can bring people together and create a sense of pride. American Meh Keflezighi of the United States winning the Boston Marathon this week a year after the bombing at the finish line created a great sense of national pride.

UConn football beating Notre Dame on the road in two overtimes after cornerback Jasper Howard was stabbed and killed on the UConn campus brought great pride to the state of Connecticut.

Paterno is the greatest coach in the history of college football. However, the way that he allowed children to be in danger should trump all of his accomplishments. Penn State should never replace the statue of Paterno.

Sports don't build character, they reveal it, and Paterno was clearly lacking in that aspect and when it came to his integrity.





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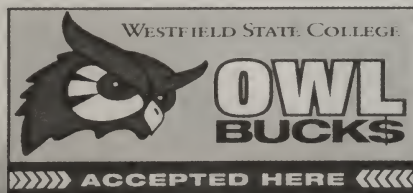
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## Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

The way to their heart is through their favorite vice. Yes, you might be enabling them, but this isn't about what is best for them, is it? This is about you, and the stars are telling you how to get them and keep them forever.

## Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

Horoscopes are not the bane of your existence; they are in fact the cause of everything good that ever happened to you. Your mistakes, however, are your own fault and the result of not correctly following the sage wisdom of the horoscopes.

## Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

Are you wondering why life has been going so well for you the past year and a half? Why the stars are such wonderful things about you? You are chosen by the heavens to be the new leader of humanity, meant to save it from itself.

## Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

A new world order is about to be created, with you most likely at the bottom. Don't worry, though, the stars say that it won't last forever. It will only last a period of three thousand years or so.

## Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

Complete the puzzle to move onto the next plane of existence. The stars cannot tell you what the puzzle is, nor can the stars tell you what the next plane of existence is. They can only deliver this message to you.

## Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

Lie down and start talking to yourself. You will start to hear interesting things coming from yourself and you might come to the realization that you have been listening to some pretty strange sources of wisdom as of late.

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specific resources on the right side of the page. Many companies also tweet their jobs so be sure to follow companies on Twitter or use tweetmy-jobs.com.

Step 3: Identify Employers

## Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

You know that they say majestically powerful things to you at dinner. Yet if your roast turkey is the one saying these things, then you will want to diversify your bonds for the oncoming market crash.

## Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

Shouldn't you be doing that thing instead of being so suspicious? This is in no way a diversion from your suspicion by the way; the stars are just really concerned about that appointment you made that is important for you to keep.

## Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

Listen to your spirit chair.

When you sit in it, it will imbue you with whatever you need to know for the future. All of its wisdom will become yours, and you need the wisdom of your spirit chair.

## Capricorn

(December 22 - January 20)

To the victor go the spoils, but since no one named Victor was available this week, the prize will be going to you. Expect a message by carrier pigeon about how to claim your prize of gold and other treasures.

## Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

This is perhaps the truth. What if it weren't? What would you do? The stars don't think you would do anything differently at all, actually.

That is what makes you special.

## Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

Madness is relative.

Remember that the world is crazy, and you are perfectly normal, no matter what pills they give you or what sort of room they put you in. You are always the one that is right, always the one that is correct.

Business journals (Business West, Worcester Business Journal, Boston Business Journal), Yellow Pages or even Google Maps can be a good way to identify companies in your field and location. This step is more time consuming, but will generate additional job listings.

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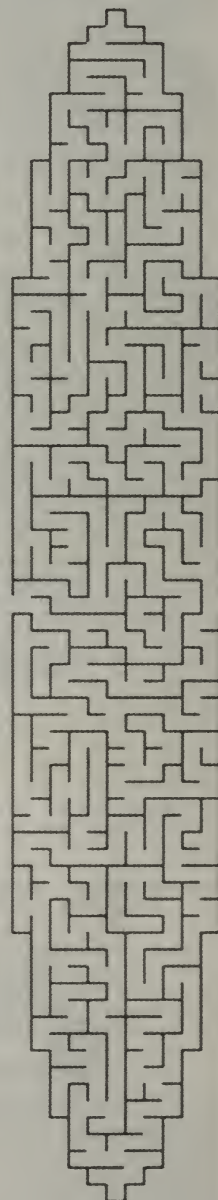
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## It's President DiVico!



Student Government Association 2014-2015 Executive Council

(Top row, left to right) **Rebecca DiVico**, president; **Joshua Clark**, vice president of student life; **Olivia Dumas**, vice president of academic life; **Matthew Carlin**, vice president of finance. (Bottom row, left to right) **Shannon Cullinane**, vice president of programming; **Joshua Frank**, student trustee; **Evelyn Dina**, legislative secretary; and **Andrew Morin**, executive secretary.

Other representative victories in contested elections

Justin Connolly, community relations and fundraising representative

Richard Darrach, senior class president

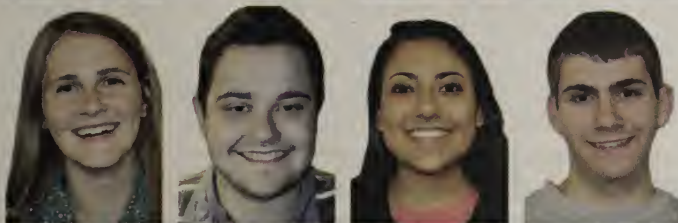
Sarah Hookailo, junior class vice president

Scott Seskevich, sophomore class president

Residence Hall Association elections

Amanda LaFrance, president

All other election results are listed beginning on page eleven.



**Andrew Burke**  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

**Rebecca DiVico**, a junior psychology major, will be assuming the presidency of the Student Government Association come June 1.

Currently the vice president of student life, DiVico has been a senator since her first year. She began her career in Fall 2011 as a representative-at-large, then became the vice president of academic life over the 2012-2013 year, before settling into her current position this year.

Although she was unopposed, she earned almost 97% of the vote, garnering 569 votes out of the 703 that were cast. About three percent of the vote were made up of write-ins.

Her lieutenants will be Joshua Clark as vice president of student life, Olivia Dumas as vice president of academic life, Matthew Carlin as vice president of finance, Shannon Cullinane as vice president of programming, and Evelyn Dina as legislative secretary. Joshua Frank will move from vice president of finance to student trustee.

The executive secretary position was originally vacant but was filled by Andrew Morin, who won a position as a representative to SGA for the class of 2017, after a round of interviews.

"I am really excited to work with the incoming Student Government Association," said DiVico.

Taylor Fote, the outgoing president of the Student Government

Association, said, "I was very impressed with the turnout." She added, "I'm very excited to see the new leadership coming to SGA."

Six members of the executive council will be graduating this upcoming year, leaving DiVico with experienced senators filling their empty seats.

"I think it will be a good group," said DiVico.

There were eight candidates for the nine seats for representative-at-large. In this position, representatives work primarily on university governance committees, such as the All-University Committee or Curriculum Committee, to provide the student voice on policies and

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### *The Harvard Crimson,*

#### HARVARD UNIVERSITY

In efforts to raise awareness about campus issues, representatives from The Diversity Report and Our Harvard Can Do Better staged demonstrations for admitted students.

### *The Daily Campus,*

#### UNIV. OF CONNECTICUT

UConn Empower's 2nd annual Underwear Mile raised nearly \$7,000 for the Amar Jyoti School in Northern India. The event drew hundreds of students in costumes to raise money for their summer projects.

### *The Daily Orange,*

#### SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Despite past concerns over delays with the project, construction of the new Syracuse University bookstore has resumed and is on track to finish by June 2015. The project costs \$20 million and will include a fitness center and retail space.

## Student Government Association meets for the last time this year

### *Joshua Clark*

*Editor-in-Chief*

The Student Government Association held its last meeting of the year this past Tuesday. Although it was a short meeting, there were some highlights.

The madam president, Taylor Fote, took the podium to give her last report.

She announced that the Ice Cream Social that was originally scheduled for Thursday, May 1, has been moved to Monday, May 5, because of impending rain. Her last statements were spent thanking the Senate and Executive Council for all of the hard work that they have done. She said, "This year has been tough for me academically and personally, so I thank you all for your support." She did not finish her report because of the emotional significance of the words, but the senators gave her a standing ovation in appreciation.

Rebecca DiVico, Andrew McCormack, Joshua Frank, Steve Kligerman, Alexis Wagner, and Sarah Hegarty all gave 'thank-you' reports and wished well to their successors. DiVico and Frank are returning to the Executive Council next year as president and student trustee, respectively.

Representative-at-large, Joshua Clark, will move to vice president of student life, representative-at-large, Olivia Dumas, will move to vice president of academic life, representative-at-large, Matthew Carlin, will move to vice president of finance, Courtney Hall representative, Shannon Cullinane, will move to

vice president of programming, former representative of the class of 2016, Evelyn Dina, will move to legislative secretary, and representative of the class of 2017, Andrew Morin, will move to executive secretary. During his report, Kligerman announced the success of Spring Weekend.

Although the majority of the events were moved inside the Scanlon Banquet Hall, the weekend went smoothly. The second standing ovation of the evening was given to Kligerman and the Campus Activities Board, of which he is the president.

Emily Baker delivered the

class of 2014's last report. She announced that they have begun collecting video farewells to be played at Commencement. They will be continuing to collecting them at Commencement Rehearsal. Richard Darrach delivered the report for the class of 2015. He reminded the senators about the Out of the Darkness walk, which will be taking place on May 2 on the campus green. As of meeting time, the class was under \$800 away from reaching their fundraising goal of \$3,000, which Darrach said they would reach by Friday at the event. They need volunteers to help out at the

event, he also said. The report part of the meeting went by at the fastest rate seen all year, and by 6:15 p.m., the Senate was in executive session for end-of-the-year activities. By 8:15 p.m., the Senate pulled out of executive session, and Fote continued tradition by passing the presidential gavel to DiVico.

The first meeting of the new academic year will be Sept. 9, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts. Rebecca DiVico will be conducting her first meeting as SGA president.

## End of the semester is upon us!



WSU student Michael Bokuniewicz working hard on his class project in the Ely Library.



The 2014 Spring semester is coming to a close and *The Westfield Voice* Editorial Staff wanted to thank all of the people who have contributed to the paper this year and all of those on campus who have helped to make this year great for *The Westfield Voice*.

## SPRING 2014 - DAY DIVISION FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

**Monday, May 5**

Last Class for Day Division Courses

**Tuesday, May 6**

Reading Day or Make-up Day for Day Division

**Wednesday, May 7**

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| 08:00-10:00 | Period 2 MWF 09:20                   |
| 10:10-12:10 | Period 4 MWF 11:30                   |
| 12:20-02:20 | Period 7 MWF 02:45/03:10 & W Seminar |
| 02:30-04:30 | Period 8 MWF 03:50                   |

**Thursday, May 8**

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| 08:00-10:00 | Period 1 TR 08:15              |
| 10:10-12:10 | Period 3 TR 11:15              |
| 12:20-02:20 | Period 5 TR 02:15 & T Seminars |
| 02:30-04:30 | M Seminars & Make-ups +        |

**Friday, May 9**

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| 10:10-12:10 | Period 6 MWF 01:40       |
| 12:20-02:20 | Period 3 MWF 10:25       |
| 02:30-04:30 | Period 5 MWF 12:35       |

**Monday, May 12**

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| 08:00-10:00 | Period 2 TR 09:45              |
| 10:10-12:10 | Period 6 TR 03:45 & R Seminars |
| 12:20-02:20 | Period 4 TR 12:45              |
| 02:30-04:30 | Make-ups +                     |

**Wednesday, May 14**

All Senior grades due by noon

**Saturday, May 17**

Undergraduate Commencement

**Tuesday, May 20**

All other grades due by noon (both divisions)

***-Make-up exams offered at instructor's discretion.***

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# Westfield State University holds suicide prevention walk to bring awareness to campus

*From News Release*

Westfield State University will hold its second Out of the Darkness Walk through the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) on the campus green on Friday, May 2 to remember community members and raise money for the AFSP's suicide research and educational programs to help save lives.

Last year, the Out of the Darkness Walk was organized by the class of 2013 and was

held on Westfield State's Alumni Field. This year, the organization of the walk has been passed on to the class of 2015, who decided to change the location.

"We decided to bring the Out of the Darkness Walk to the green this year to really make a presence on campus," said Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2015.

"We hope to raise awareness to the issue of suicide but to also educate students

about resources like the Counseling Center, Health Services, and the trained professionals in both Residential Life and Campus Security that are always available to them.

We want to honor those who have been lost, but also celebrate life and the kindness that people can share."

To promote the walk, the class of 2015 has launched a #175actsofkindness campaign.

Through this campaign, people on cam-

pus can submit a random act of kindness they have experienced and would like to recognize.

These stories can be submitted through the class of 2015's Twitter account, @WSU\_2015, their "Juniors at Westfield" Facebook page, Instagram, or through a survey.

Westfield State's Out of the Darkness Walk will begin at 5 p.m. on May 2, and concludes at 8 p.m.

The Out of the Darkness Walk is a

3-5 mile walks taking place in communities across the country, with the proceeds benefiting the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP).

To learn more about AFSP and suicide prevention, please visit [www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org).

For any questions about Westfield State's Out of the Darkness Walk please email [classof2015@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:classof2015@westfield.ma.edu), and to register online please follow <http://afsp.donordrive.com/event/westfield/>.



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# Students from WSU contribute to Earth Day river-cleanup



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Heather Giguere, Megan Barr, Ashley Ruubel, Taylor Cordeiro, and Christain DiLuzio help clean up Westfield for Earth Day.

## Robert Richards

Voice Reporter

Students from Westfield State University teamed up with the nonprofit organization Westfield River Watershed Association and Lane Construction in the Earth Day river-cleanup on April 26.

The team met up on Meadow Street in Westfield, Massachusetts in the River Walk Lot at 9 a.m. before separating to different locations across the city.

A professor of environmental biology at Westfield State University, Mark Damon, came to the event and encouraged his students to come as well. He pointed a few of his students to the route 20 bridge section of the city, because when it was last checked there were many large items polluting the environment.

The students were encouraged to collect the trash at the end of the pavement, under the bridge, and the tires on the other side of the bridge. A team of six students from Westfield State University went to the route 20 bridge section of the city. There were four students from Professor Damon's class and two other students who wanted to help. The students who were in the environmental biology class taught by Professor Damon were Heather Giguere, a sophomore education major, Megan Barr, a sophomore studying communications, Taylor Cordeiro, a sophomore studying education, and Ashley Ruubel, a freshman education major.

The Westfield River Watershed Association has been very active in the community since the early 1950s.

The goals of the organization are to make a better place to live by restoring nature to its natural state and to protect wildlife, fish, forest, plants, soil, and water sources. They also want to work hand-in-hand with people to inform others of the importance of their cause. If you wish to know more or volunteer, their website is [www.westfieldriver.org](http://www.westfieldriver.org).

The Westfield River Association treasurer, Fran Siska, said during the event on Saturday, "I've pulled tires out of the river, cars, and you name it!" The organization is very passionate and dedicated to making Westfield and the surrounding area a beautiful and desirable place to live. Christian DiLuzio, a veteran and political science major, came to help in the Earth Day river cleanup efforts. He has been

helping in these Earth Day cleanups for years and feels a passion and a commitment to keep doing things that will help the community. DiLuzio said concerning work on the route 20 bridge section of the city with his classmates, "Westfield State students have a long tradition of community service and it was nice to be a part of it."

Christian DiLuzio, Heather Giguere, Megan Barr, Ashley Ruubel, and Taylor Cordeiro worked very hard together on a very rainy day. In spite of that, the students came together for a good cause and worked very well together, showing that Westfield State University is deeply concerned with the environment.

Heather Giguere said while picking up trash, "It was great to see so many people working together to make the community beautiful." Tyler Cordeiro expressed concern

by saying, "I wish people would think before they dumped trash." People like Tyler Cordeiro are making things happen, by taking action to protect the environment.

The biggest challenge of the day was the tires, which were on the other side of the bridge. The tires were full of dirt, water, and covered in weeds. The weeds made it very difficult to reach the tires.

Once the tires were freed from the wooded area, it took some effort to get them to the end of the pavement on the other side of the bridge. The end of the pavement was the location that was instructed by the team to gather all the waste for a later pickup. Once all the visible tires were recovered, the team had a sense of accomplishment and cheered in excitement.

The students that worked the Earth Day river cleanup on the route 20 bridge section of the city have something to cheer about, for they gathered 19 tires, 10 pallets, 2 broken televisions, well over 20 bags of trash, a few empty paint cans, 5 ten gallon buckets of plaster, 5 broken plastic lawn chairs, 5 sofa cushions, and many other items to be thrown into the garbage.

It was a great day, an Earth Day river cleanup that will be remembered, because students from Westfield State University made an impact in the community.

## From 'The Voice' Vault

This article was published in the November 8, 1982 issue of The Westfield State Owl.

# Small Explosion Causes Alarm

"Halloween" got over. We thought it was funny."

A molotov cocktail was allegedly tossed from a window of the Seymour Apartment building to the pavement below at approximately 11 p.m., Halloween night, October 31. The debris from the explosion narrowly missed two guests leaving one of the apartments.

Sources report that after the movie "Halloween" was aired, people at the apartment complex began getting noisy. Students from Lammers Hall commented, "We started hearing screams and yelling around 11, just after

According to witnesses at the Apartment complex the noise did begin right after the movie "Halloween" aired. Screams were made with much ado in the apartment courtyard. One commented, "I was sleeping when I heard all this commotion. Last time there was that much noise there were streakers so we all went to the windows to look out." Witnesses reported seeing a man with a girl over his shoulder and a woman in front using a blade in attempting to stab at them, in jest.

People enjoying the show kept repeating, "take it off, take it

off." So at the same time a man with a hooded robe began scaling the apartments, to scare the residents.

Water balloons were being tossed out the window when security arrived to quiet down the area. People began to chant, in jest reportedly, "kill the cop." It was told that security handled the situation well and asked all involved to keep the noise down because neighbors were complaining.

Minutes afterward though, two guests, Michael Houlihan and Basil Maurice, were nearly

missed by debris from an alleged molotov cocktail, (a crude hand grenade made of a bottle filled with flammable liquid, fitted with a device capable of touching off the liquid and ignited at the moment of hurling).

Neither of the guests were injured. Houlihan did complain of a headache that may have been caused by the impact of the noise of the explosion.

"Two minutes later we would have been ripped to shreds," he commented. "I was surprised to see the debris fly right past us. The irresponsibility of the situation (is appalling)."

Linda Fienerman, president of the class of 1983 and resident of apartment 2AL, said, "Yes there was an explosion. I didn't see it fall or anything but I saw sparks and stuff fly by my window." Fienerman further commented that she saw fire crackers the next day, fall from an apartment above her.

When talking to security on the matter, they were quite surprised to hear the whole incident. It was not reported to them nor have they heard any rumor on the subject. "Maybe it was a firecracker or a cherry bomb. I'm sure we would have heard about it if it were anything else."

This ad was published in the May 6, 1991 issue of The Westfield State Owl.

## Quirky movie reviewer comes to W.S.C.

by Kate Mahoney  
Channel 22's zany movie-reviewer, Sy Becker, visited Westfield State College last week to give the campus a taste of what the broadcasting world is really like.

Becker, famous for his quirky mannerisms and dancing eyebrows, not only discussed the world of TV news but also gave students an upclose look at his lively personality and hyper sense of humor.

"I'm here to tell you everything you never hear in Journalism class," Becker said. He explained that in the broadcasting world, wardrobe and personality are more important than the actual stories being reported.

"People want to be entertained," he said. "TV is simply a business of entertainment, it's show biz. Half of the viewers don't give a damn about the news."

Becker explained that in order to be in TV, you must be in love with yourself. "There's no one in TV who isn't egotistical," he said. "Ego is a damn good thing. It can be a terrific

force. If you think a lot of yourself, you'll do a good job."

"One thing you don't do is the arrogance bit," he said. "Don't tell the world you're stuck up and they'll think highly of you."

Another thing you do not do in broadcasting, Becker explained, is use any four letter words. The worst being D-U-L-L. "You can't be likable unless you're lively," he said. "Funny, entertaining, and sincere all equal likable."

Becker made a few humorous comparisons between Channel 22 and Channel 40, utilizing his ego, and his entertaining, "crowd-pleasing" attitude.

According to Becker, Channel 22 "beats the hell" out of Channel 40 in the ratings because they write better stories and have more likable and entertaining anchors. "We got Brenda, We got Dave," Becker exclaimed, gesticulating excitedly to the audience.

He referred to Priscilla and Sid of Channel 40 as unfortunates.

"Viewers will be watching Channel 40 and they'll see an angry Priscilla snarling and Sid snoozing, and they'll turn to Channel 22 to see a livelier crew," he said, drawing an explosion of laughter from the audience.

"That unfortunate man by the name of Sid Starks doesn't smile, he doesn't breath, he's so low key you don't know he's alive," Becker said, laughing.

Becker calls himself a featured player in the news business. "I go on the air several times a week for two minutes and create chaos," he said. "I want you to remember me, whether you like me or hate me. I want you to say, 'HE'S CRAZY.' Then you'll want to see it again."

It's obvious that people do want to see his craziness again as the audience strongly demanded he give them his famous line, "Here's another loook at the movies." He, being in the business of "entertainment", didn't let his viewers down.



# opinions & editorials

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2014

RACE RUGH, EDITOR

*The Conservative View*

## *Big Brother, stay out of education!*

It's difficult for myself to find comfort in writing to such a widely renowned liberal audience.

However, I feel that I have found an issue that allows us to work together directly on something rather than fighting over.

Of course I am talking about the "war of character" that has been raging for over the millennia. Character Education has been on the lips of many journalists lately, and I too feel the call to duty.

The talk of character education has been a long and tedious dialogue starting from Socrates to Benjamin Franklin all the way to LBJ's "Great Society" projects. Now the dialogue has intensified and activists on both sides of the fight are opening new doors of moral and ethical dilemmas.

However the question that really matters here is whether or not it is in good policy to implement this sort of program into the public school system. As a policy, it has been surrounded in controversy with the



**Matt Carlin**  
Asst. Managing Editor

many voices on both sides crying out on the moral and ethical platforms surrounding the very concept of "character".

Now imagine yourself with your kid, whether this is in the distant future or even next week and you notice your son or daughter getting frustrated.

You notice them attempting to complete the impossible task of "trying to lick their elbow". Well obviously it's nearly impossible to do, if not truly impossible.

However because of this concept of Grit that's embedded into our children with character education programs, they will even know the concept of impossibility.

Without the ability to cut their losses, there is no way for children to deal with the stress that comes

with failure of the impossible.

You might think: "Wow if that's what grit in education is going to teach you then sign me up." Well, despite it looking like a motivational tool, it really is a harmful mechanic to a developing mind.

Valerie Strauss, a journalist from The Washington Post puts it like this. "Grit can actually be counterproductive."

Often it just doesn't make sense to continue with a problem that resists solution or persist at a task that no longer provides satisfaction.

Hence the proverbial Law of Holes: When you're in one, stop digging.

Gritty people sometimes exhibit what psychologists call "nonproductive persistence," whereas knowing when to pull the plug requires the capacity to adopt a long-term perspective.

Continuing to do what you've been doing often represents the path of least resistance, so it can take guts to cut your losses. That's as important a

message to teach our children as the usefulness of perseverance."

Without this sort of lesson of life, children are known to develop long term stress and anxiety issues alongside the inability to cope with stress.

We already know about the crazy situation that is happening with children and stress NOW, can you imagine what will happen if we introduce a new stress to them?

Currently the Department of Education hosts a developing Character Education program that puts very few and enforceable "limits" to the materials used and proper evaluation of the education/educator.

For the sake of the future, we need to hammer down of the DOE and place safety nets and defense mechanics into the program before this policy becomes a federal mandate (which is surprisingly becoming a new "fad" these days).

Hiding behind their incentives to give the often "budget starved" urban schools, much

needed money and materials, the Department of Education is expanding its program at a fairly rapid rate.

Despite being a conservative, I am very well against any sort of character education, or character control as some liberals would put it, that places anyone in an authority to promote a certain behavior or characteristic in my kid or anyone for that matter.

Children should have the same basic right that we did growing up, developing and living the way we choose, not what some government official tells us.

Whether or not you want to agree with me is obviously your choice, but if we really care about the future, we need to fix this now. If not, I fear that Orwell's "Big Brother" will enter out school systems and never leave.

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*The Seventh Side: Your Weekly Dose of Satire*

# *Sind T. Zelony retires from The Voice*

Dear soon to be heartbroken readers,

I, your beloved Sind T. Zelony, the great being whom you have gotten to know over the past semester, must retire from this respectable enough publication for the foreseeable future.

*Sind T. Zelony*  
Not an A&E Editor

I know of few words I can give you all to display the joy I have had in bringing to you, the common "throwaway" people, the truth that you all long to hear.

Therefore, I will keep this short, in order for you to soon go back to panicking over your final exams, which statistically some of you will horribly fail.

Then again, maybe not, as I take it the failures among the student population here aren't interested in the stu-

dent newspaper.

I may live on in other mediums or publications, and I hope you keep a lookout for your bold and intrepid writer, the one who brought you the stories you didn't know could exist, the seventh side of the die.

I would like to thank

all of my fans, and hope you keep me in mind when the problems of the world take you on.

Sincerely,

Sind T. Zelony.

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# From the Editor's Desk

The end is never really the end. This, ladies and gentlemen, is my last column to be filed under "From the Editor's Desk."

Come May 17, I will ascend from representative-at-large to the Student Government Association to vice president of student life.

But fear not! (Although I know you did not fear one iota...) I will continue as editor-in-chief with the assistance of our layout editor, sports editor, and good friend Andrew Burke.

Because of this new position that I will be taking, I find that it would be a bit awkward and controversial if I openly and unapologetically commented on and/or criticized the university within the pages of *The Westfield Voice* while working toward the same goals that I would be bashing in my role in the SGA.

Typically, a member of the media would never cross that line into such a political role. You would never see Harry Reid or Mitch McConnell reporting on hard news stories for *The New York Times*.

While I could not begin to compare *The Voice* or the SGA to *The New York Times* or Congress, the analogy fits. It is hard to maintain the separation between "on the record" and "off the record" as a reporter or editor when you are also the one that is causing the news as a senator or vice president.

In place of the "From the Editor's Desk" column, the editorial staff of this newspaper will be putting out editorials, which will be written en masse and will discuss the issues that face the university.

I cannot promise that they will be as long as my "Editor's Desk" columns, but they will be equally as significant.

As far as my first year as editor-in-chief goes, I am glad it is over. I had a lot of fun and am grateful for the experience, but it was one hectic year.

It started in the last week

of April 2013. I walked into *The Westfield Voice* office and encountered a barren office, vacated by my predecessors Samantha Fahey and Alex Myers.

Myself and Brittany Moniz worked on putting together the 24th and last issue of the year, which was certainly a learning experience. I don't know that I slept very much that week as I was constantly thinking about the sixteen pages that I was trying to assemble.

I started out the week hopeful that I would be able to put together a twenty-page paper, but those hopes were short lived. That Wednesday I realized that there was not nearly enough content for twenty pages, even though there were epically long thank-you articles from the outgoing editors.

It is worth noting that there has not been an issue under twenty pages during the 2013-2014 academic year.

Once the issue came out, I was so elated to have successfully led my first week that I was able to look past all of the errors we had made that week and share it with everybody I knew.

But over the summer, my tenure was beginning to look a bit grim.

I noted in my speech to the SGA that I realized that it was going to be a tough year once I saw the headline of *The Republican* with the words "Dobelle" and "audit."

I began researching Dobelle's activities at the University of Hawaii and reading every article that was published about the scandal.

When it came time for the August 29 meeting of the board of trustees, I was ready. I showed up for my first official event as mem-

ber of the press corps.



**Joshua Clark**  
Editor-in-Chief

Sitting amongst administration of the university (I didn't notice the separate section for press, oops), I laboriously took notes of the meeting's activities and immediately returned home to begin writing the article for the first issue.

Entitled, "Special report com-

pleted by accountants; Dobelle praised by Board of Trustees," the article was lauded as a journalistic success and a great start to what became a media charade and the downfall of an otherwise successful president.

Over time, covering the scandal wore me down. By the middle of October, I was ready to resign from my editorial position and live through the rest of the year as a representative-at-large in the Student Government.

In order to salvage my sanity and patience, I reached out to Rob Donoghue, who helped cover scandals and controversy during his tenure as managing editor.

He encouraged me to take a moment to relax, watch some Netflix, sleep for a little bit, and return to paper with renewed vigor. He also recommended that I give the "Dobelle beat" to someone else in the office, which I did.

Delegating the reporting of the story to Matthew Carlin saved this year for me, as covering the scandal is just too much, especially when you have to wade through the ridiculous reporting of my professional counterparts.

As I mentioned above, we have not published an issue under twenty pages, and I owe this largely to my writing staff. This includes the editors, but there are a host of writers who have spend a lot of time working on articles for this newspaper.

Ryan Cashman, Ryan Caulfield, Jon Rebmann, Joshua Minardi, Erika Hayden, and a whole host of other people have spent so much time creating recipes, sitting through hours-long SGA meetings, critiquing sports, or commenting on pop culture.

All of their contributions are much appreciated.

Then there are the editors.

There are three that are graduating: Lyndon Seitz, Lewis Pacheco, and Joey Cooper. These guys have been members of *The Westfield Voice* staff longer than I have been a student here. It's a joke that I frequently crack, but it's true!

They collectively have had more experience on this newspaper and campus, so I appreciate all of the guidance they have provided for me when requested.

To Matthew Carlin: We have become fast friends and I could not have asked for a more willing and cooperative counterpart. Collectively, according to the Student Government Executive Council, we are known as "Clarkin," which took some time to grow on me.

You started the year as an annoying bug in my ear, attempting to provide comedic relief when it was not always needed, but I quickly realized how essential to the staff you would become. From assistant editor, to associate editor, to correction editor, to assistant managing editor, you have had the fastest ascent to the figurative almost-top that I have seen in this newspaper over the last few years. Over this summer, you better pick up your damn telephone and come out to Western Mass to play some golf.

To Emily Hanshaw: I'm sorry. You have to deal with office antics, yet you continue to come back

see **CLARK** on page 21

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## Gentlemen's Weekly

## The Holy Grail of authentic Cubans-Cohiba Behike 52

So here we stand, at the end of a year. Soon, many of us will return home and begin whatever it is we will be doing for the summer. So now I would like to give a small parting gift. This week, I have for you a review of the Cohiba Behike 52, a cigar I was lucky enough to obtain a pair of this past December.

In 2010, Cohiba unveiled what is perhaps one of their most exclusive cigars ever. This cigar has received extensive reviews, ranging from overpriced to the best cigar the reviewer had ever tasted. I do understand that when a cigar is priced in the highest end of the range, there will be much resentment.

However, the fact they are priced in the "exclusive" end is perhaps why they are consistently sold out even two years after their release. Although we can still call this cigar "new", it isn't all that new to the aficionado, because anyone with a passion for Cuban cigars knows very well about the story behind these cigars and their desire among smokers and collectors. One of the best cigars to come out of Cuba in a long time is also one of the most expensive to come off, and that causes many people to have varying opinions.

What makes the Behike so special is that unlike many other Cubans, this cigar, for all intents and purposes really needs no additional aging because it is already constructed with well-aged tobacco (not that a continued aging will hurt the cigar). For example, the filler is made up of a medio tiempo

tobacco.

This tobacco comes from the older leaves at the top of the plant. Not all tobacco plants make this type of leaf though, but it has a creamy textured with coffee and earthy flavors that come from well-aged tobaccos. The Behike comes in three sizes; the BHK 52, 54, and 56. These numbers apply to the ring gauge of the cigar.

This cigar is simply beautiful. It has a virtually seamless wrapper and while there is some veining present, it is absent of any distracting ones. The cigar is firm and evenly packed with no detectable soft spots.

The beautiful band has the two security holograms on it, showing that this is an authentic Cuban-made Behike. The band is meticulously applied to the cigar and comes off with a relative ease so as not to damage the cigar in any way. The Behike has a pigtail-style cap and a very inviting sheen to the wrapper that is just a tad redder than a Colorado shade leaf.

As I indicated above, the Behikes are meticulously crafted. From the elegantly applied triple cap to the perfect cuts at the foot. The cigar is put together by Cuba's best rollers and it certainly shows.

The draw of the cigar was perfect, with just the right amount of resistance and every draw yielded clouds of thick, velvety smoke. The burn was exceptional. I can't seem to recall ever having to touch these up and most certainly they never required a re-light of any kind.

Now, we come to the



**Joshua Minardi**  
Social Media Coordinator

reason that we smoke cigars; to immerse ourselves in a relaxing stimulation of the senses and to enjoy pleasant flavors that only fine cigars can offer. Neither the construction nor the appearance matter if the cigar doesn't taste good. Here's what I have to say on that.

I've smoked cheap cigars that tasted fantastic and I've smoked expensive cigars that tasted like wet sod wrapped in spent cigarette wrappers. It is fair to say that I don't think anyone who smokes this cigar while be disappointed. I can honestly say that that for the first time in a long time, smoking this cigar actually stimulated all five of my senses at the same time combining everything into an excellent 70 minute experience.

The cigar started out with a very creamy, velvety smoke that leaves a very pleasant sheen on your palate that never disappears. The smoke output never changes either, remaining consistently thick and creamy. The initial flavors are woody with some pleasant earthiness and slight coffee flavors.

You can say that they are typical of the high quality Cohibas, however, there is an added dimension to these cigars on

lighting them that can easily be detected. Perhaps it is the fact that they are smokeable with only a short amount of humidification. There is just a hint of pepper on the finish and a perfectly balanced saltiness on the lips that helps marry the flavors.

By the time the first third of the cigar is finished, you've already gone some very complex flavors that many cigars lack during their entire smoking time. I picked up hints of vanilla, cocoa, earth, cedar, and some light citrus, all coming and going while all the while having that pleasant saltiness on the lips that only a Cuban cigar can offer.

The spice was always there but neatly packed away at the back of the palate and never getting in the way of the enjoyment of the cigar.

The second third of the cigar continues to give me something different with each draw. The primary flavors remain cocoa, wood, and coffee, but there are always hints of other flavors coming into the mix.

At some points I picked up hints of citrus and vanilla, while at other points a strong cocoa or espresso flavor would peek out. So many flavors, yet so perfectly balanced.

I start to detect some leather notes as I approach the halfway point of the cigar with some very creamy smoke. I liken the smoke to the foam of a perfectly made cappuccino. Thick, velvety, and flavorful; I wouldn't say that it is caramel-like, but more of a textured, creamy smoke. It is a very pleasant texture

indeed.

The cigar continues to provide very complex and extremely pleasing flavors right until the very end. Trying to break down each third is pointless for such a fine and deeply complex cigar because it is constantly evolving as you smoke it.

This cigar takes you on a very pleasant journey. What starts as a slightly woody cigar, reminiscent of the Cohiba brand as we know it, turns into a cigar that offers the occasional hint of orange peel, coffee, and semi-sweet chocolate. Some very sweet flavors that are occasionally mixed in with some spots where one can pick up some unsweetened coffee, dark chocolate, leather, and cedar.

The transition from sweetness to the occasional pleasant bitterness is seamless and very well blended. The bitterness is like the flavors one gets from dark chocolate or espresso.

From the complex flavors to the salty-spiciness, this cigar is pure Cohiba, yet at the same time something else completely. Something wonderful. While they are very hard to come by, and those few that can get them cannot get them for cheap, it was well worth every penny that I paid.

This cigar, the Behike 52, was easily the best cigar I have had so far. I hope you all have a great summer. I will see you this fall.

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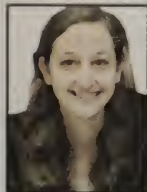
# Student Government Association

## SPRING ELECTION RESULTS

703 votes were cast over April 22 and 23, 2014. 14.9% of eligible student voters participated.

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

#### President



Rebecca DiVico  
Class of 2015

569 votes, 96.93%

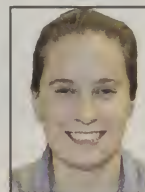
#### Vice President of Academic Life



Olivia Dumas  
Class of 2015  
323 votes, 55.69%

Allison Davis  
Class of 2015

252 votes, 43.45%



#### Vice President of Student Life



Joshua Clark  
Class of 2015

557 votes, 97.04%

#### Vice President of Programming



Shannon Cullinane  
Class of 2016  
345 votes, 58.38%

Danny Chamberlain  
Class of 2017

242 votes, 40.95%



#### Vice President of Finance



Matthew Carlin  
Class of 2017

558 votes, 98.41%

#### Student Trustee



Joshua Frank  
Class of 2015

570 votes, 98.96%

#### Legislative Secretary



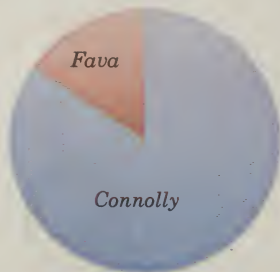
Evelyn Dina  
Class of 2016

573 votes, 99.31%

# Student Government Association

## SPRING ELECTION RESULTS

### Community Relations and Fundraising Rep.



Justin Connolly  
Class of 2016  
507 votes, 83.8%



Albert Fava  
Class of 2016  
94 votes, 15.54%

### Multicultural Representative

Ivana McGlinchey  
Class of 2016  
557 votes, 98.58%

### Representatives-at-Large

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Brandon Trafford | 395 votes, 67.87% |
| Alex Doming      | 380 votes, 65.29% |
| Megan Doerle     | 374 votes, 64.26% |
| Ariana Roche     | 367 votes, 63.06% |
| Sara Palis       | 365 votes, 62.71% |
| Connor Swan      | 364 votes, 62.54% |
| Ashley Deleon    | 361 votes, 62.03% |
| Taylor Wertz     | 356 votes, 61.17% |

### Class of 2015 President



Richard Darrach  
116 votes, 55.77%

Tori Landry  
92 votes, 44.23%

### Vice President

Lauren LeRoux  
191 votes, 98.96%

### Treasurer

Olivia Dumas  
192 votes, 99.48%

### Secretary

Michael Brett  
196 votes, 100%

### Historian

Jeffrey Ohene Darko  
192 votes, 100%

### Publicist

Christine Andrews  
191 votes, 100%

### Community/Fundraising

Christina DiVirgilio  
191 votes, 99.48%

### Class of 2016 President

Ryan Losco  
99 votes, 95.19%

### Vice President



Sarah Hookailo  
68 votes, 53.54%

Sara Palis  
59 votes, 46.46%

### Treasurer

Tara Saraf  
105 votes, 99.06%

### Secretary

Emily Marcella  
101 votes, 99.02%

### Publicist

LaKiyah Russell  
102 votes, 100%

### Community/Fundraising

Shannon Cullinane  
110 votes, 100%



# Student Government Association

## SPRING ELECTION RESULTS

### Class of 2017

#### President



Scott Seskevich

93 votes, 58.12%

Lauren Grams

63 votes, 39.38%

#### Vice President

Madison Spillers

150 votes, 99.34%

#### Secretary

Megan Juchno

146 votes, 99.32%

#### Historian

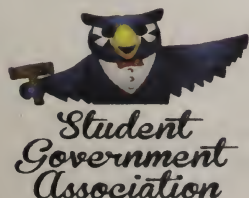
Hope Nadeau

144 votes, 99.31%

#### Publicist

Jasmine Bobbitt

144 votes, 98.63%



### *Representatives to SGA*

#### Class of 2015

Kylie Nelson 155 votes, 79.49%

Courtney Keddy 139 votes, 71.28%

#### Class of 2016

Michael Janchuk 81 votes, 77.14%

Nicole Primeau 78 votes, 74.29%

Mikayla Culley 65 votes, 61.9%

#### Class of 2017

Andrew Morin 111 votes, 75.51%

Dana Kilby 98 votes, 66.67%

Kylie Isenberg 89 votes, 60.54%

Morgan Suddeth 72 votes, 48.98%

### *Vacant positions in SGA and Class Council*

#### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Executive Secretary

One position - Rep-at-Large

#### CLASS COUNCIL

##### CLASS OF 2015

Two positions - Rep. to SGA

##### CLASS OF 2016

Historian

One position - Rep. to SGA

##### CLASS OF 2017

Treasurer

Community/Fundraising

### *Vacant positions in RHA*

Vice President of Finance

Student Government Liaison

Vice President of Apartment  
Style Halls

National Communications Coordi-  
nator-in-Training

### *Residence Hall Assoc. Spring Election Results*

A total of 55 votes were cast, all members of Hall Councils were eligible to vote in the election.

#### *President*

Amanda LaFrance

Class of 2017

53 votes, 96%

#### *Vice President of Programming/Publicity*

Fiona Mwariama

Class of 2017

53 votes, 96%

#### *Secretary*



Jaclyn Parker

Class of 2015

23 votes, 42%

Emily Butynski

Class of 2016

15 votes, 27%

Courtney Potter

Class of 2017

15 votes, 27%

#### *Vice President of Traditional Style Halls*

Bridget McNay

Class of 2016

53 votes, 96%

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# arts & entertainment

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2014

LEWIS PACHECO AND LYNDON SEITZ, EDITORS

as of April 30, 2014

## Top 10 Singles

1. Pharrell Williams - Happy
2. John Legend-All of Me
3. Jason Derulo ft 2 Chainz - Talk Dirty
4. Katy Perry ft Juicy J-Dark Horse
5. Idina Menzel-Let It Go
6. Bastille-Pompeii
7. DJ Snake & Lil Jon-Turn Down For What
8. Justin Timberlake-Not A Bad Thing
9. Chris Brown Ft Lil Wayne & French Montana & Too Short & Tyga
10. Lorde-Team

## Top 5 Albums

1. Frozen Movie Soundtrack
2. August Alsina-Testimony
3. NEEDTO-BREATHE- Rivers In The Wasteland
4. Jason Derulo-Talk Dirty
5. Ingrid Michaelson-Lights Out

## Top 5 Movies

1. The Other Woman
2. Captain America: The Winter Soldier
3. Heaven is for Real
4. Rio 2
5. Brick Mansions

## Upcoming DVDs

1. After the Dark
2. Veronica Mars
3. That Awkward Moment
4. Her
5. Brightest Star

## A Look into Carlin's Mind: Bax and O'Brien on the Mike Albano years

**Matthew Carlin**  
Assistant Managing Editor

Tuesday, April 29 was a day that will live in infamy. Bax and O'Brien, after over a decade of separation, reunited with former mayor of Springfield and current member of the Governor's Council Mike Albano.

Albano has recently been the star of an ABC 40/FOX 6 news series, known as "Crime and Corruption: The Albano Years."

ABC 40 and WGGB.com offered insight into a decade ago where "it was a bad time for Springfield and disgraced mayor Mike Albano" and said it had ended "a promising career" for Albano.

This was completely for shock value and to boost ratings. Mike Albano is nothing short of a great politician and an innocent man.

As Bax and O'Brien put it "it was a disgrace... but I don't think we know what that means... it's just a word that's being thrown around there."

I don't understand how it took for Bax and

O'Brien, normally a humorous show, to point out the pure ethical flaws in the ABC 40 series.

They claimed that Albano had a hand in the "corruption of the Housing Authority" however, as Albano pointed out in his interview, "The city has nothing to do with the Housing Authority, and the guy was head long before my election."

Something this poor excuse for a "news" series bases their ENTIRE claim on, is proven to be false... right off the bat.

It funny how they call the mayor's administration as a target of an FBI probe, yet if my memory and the Internet serve me right, Albano was awarded a victory in the civil case and no formal charge was found on the man.

I believe it was the CEO of ABC 40 who made this whole series a disaster. Albano and ABC 40 have a rocky relationship, which Albano said on the air as "I'm going to put out what I know, and it will be on my Facebook."

Mike Albano talked about how a "CEO of a media outlet" tried using



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his money to "influence public policy."

As ABC 40 reported, two members formally charged and convicted of federal crimes were close to Albano, however, Albano had no connection with their crimes nor did he "aid" in their convictions, another speculation that has to be put down for the sake of truth.

I mean, the corruption in the Springfield Housing Authority start-

ed when Albano was a student at Cathedral High School!

This sort of issue has been rampant in modern news series, where old news is twisted and facts are contorted to allow speculation.

Albano will be releasing more news and stories on his Facebook page in order for all the information to be readily available.

As Mr. Albano said "Stay tuned."

# An Encouragement to Create

*This final column of the year is dedicated to Professor John Paulmann for his kindness, his virtue, his love of life, his love of craft, and his love for his fellow man. Thank you for everything.*

## Ryan Cashman

Voice Columnist

As the semester winds down to its final weeks, I cannot help but feel overwhelmed and a touch exhausted. This semester, for me, has been filled to the brim with work and drama leading to my exhaustion.

Food and writing this column have been my saving graces, for I find great solace and peace in writing about what I love.

With this edition of the school paper being the last of the semester, I find it fitting that I should reflect on the past school year and encourage all my readers to create.

Summer is a time of passion and creation. The warm weather brings people outdoors and into nature. Nature, for many artists, is a source of inspiration for their creative works.

Thoreau spent years living in nature and subsequently wrote his finest works while living in a small cabin near the shores of Walden Pond. Van Gogh's finest paintings capture the majesty of the French countryside.

Nature fosters and encourages creativity by just existing. I cannot begin to recall how many times ideas have jumped into my head during a simple walk in the woods or along the beach.

Summer food is perhaps the simplest of foods, for it relies main-

ly on what comes out of the garden. Summer is gardening season! Farms are in full swing and restaurants are at their best during the summertime because everything is fresh and in season.

On Cape Cod or along the coast of Maine, you will often find that the seafood you are eating for dinner was part of the morning catch.

All around beautiful New England, food lovers are getting the best of the best in terms of quality and freshness.

I love summer food! It is perhaps my favorite season for food because of the freshness and the quality that comes to the table.

During the summer, I am usually very busy. I lifeguard at a lake-front and am usually quite tired at the end of the day.

However, I always find time for food! When I am home I am always greeted by wonderful foods like bruschetta, hamburgers, corn on the cob, garden salads, grilled chicken, etc.

As a family, we always create wonderful and memorable meals together and are constantly experimenting with new creative twists on dishes.

For instance, my brother has suggested we start making cheeseburgers with the cheese inside of the patty instead of on top (which is an idea I cannot wait to work on with him).

Reflecting upon the past school year, I can

easily say that it was not an easy one, but, then again, no school year ever is.

It was a year filled with dramatic tensions and scandal along with cheerful and jubilant moments.

However, I can honestly say that while being a difficult year, it was a good year.

Every year I find I learn more and more about myself and am constantly growing as a person.

Writing this column has been a great joy and I cannot wait to return in September to write more!

Looking forward to the summer and the new school year, I have a simple message to everyone: create. I wholeheartedly encourage all of you to go out and create.

Create art. Create new foods. Create anything your heart desires. Creativity and imagination are at the core of what makes us human.

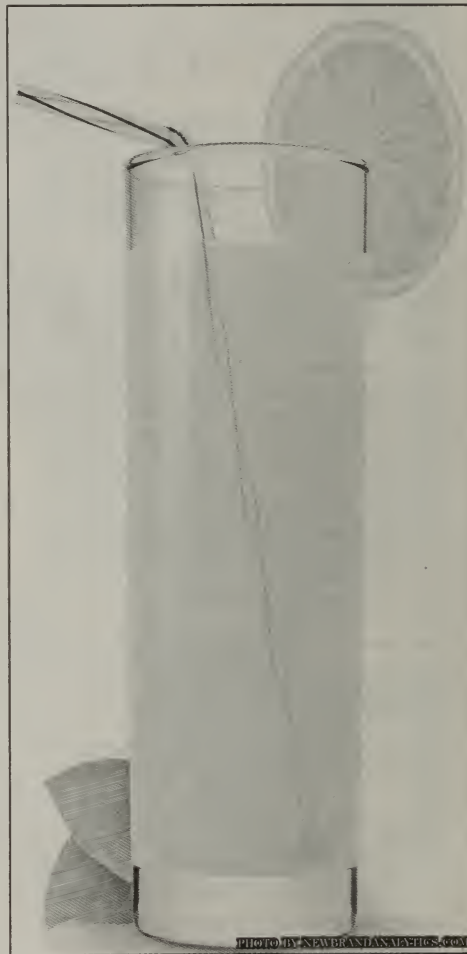
We all have a strong will to create, whether it is art, food, theatre, sports, or math equations. Creating is the soul of the human experience and I wish everyone a happy and creative summer.

So I now invite you to sit back and have a nice cold glass of the year's final recipe: Lemonade!

Buona Tavola and Mangiare Bene!

## LEMONADE

Ingredients:  
6 lemons



1 cup white sugar  
6 cups cold water

make one cup of juice.

### Instructions:

1. Firmly roll the lemons along the counter top or cutting board, before slicing them in half and juicing them. Juice the lemons to

2. In a gallon pitcher combine the cup of lemon juice, the cup of white sugar, and the 6 cups of water. Mix well and adjust water to taste.

3. Chill and serve over ice.



# Arts & Entertainment Editor Says Goodbye

**Lyndon Seitz**  
A&E Editor

Dear Westfield Voice readers,

My name is Lyndon Seitz and if you don't know me, I've been your co-Arts and Entertainment Editor here at The Westfield Voice for about four years now.

Unfortunately, I recently came upon the information that while I was writing and editing the newspaper, I hap-

pened to be attending and finishing enough classes to graduate and thus I shall be donning that cap and gown and receiving a piece of paper in the near future.

This means that this will be my last issue of The Voice, and therefore I figured I might as well write something about that, having worked on and/or contributed to some number of papers probably approaching 100 by now.

It has truly been a pleasure to work here these four years, and I have some very fond memories spending time in the office.

Thank you to all who worked with me and Lewis, my partner in editing crime (even though we had nothing to do with the crime logs, we did strictly A&E).

I remember early on occasionally writing a film review or a book review, so in that spirit, if

any of you are looking for a good book to read over the summer, you won't go wrong with David Mitchell's Cloud Atlas.

If you are looking for a good movie to watch, try to find a theater still showing "The Grand Budapest Hotel" directed by Wes Anderson. It is the best movie I've seen in years.

I have reviewed a lot of music albums over my time here at the paper. For those of you wondering, my least favorite album was Poison Butterfly by Michael Lee Rose (it is truly a legendarily bad collection of music and I encourage everyone to actively not buy it).

I have quite a few favorites, but I always come back to The Incredible Story of Mr. Birch by Ives the Band, Out of My Head by Movits!, There it Is by Tall Dark Stranger, Life in Satellites by Ashpark, and Weather Systems by Anathema. I would also like to thank the many mediocre artists who made my frequent reviews possible.

I suppose this is as good of a time as any to admit that I've also written the horoscopes that you see in the back page of the paper every week.

To anyone who asks, I was truly inspired by the stars, it just happened to be that those stars happened to be a figment of my imagination. To quote a passage by Douglas Adams, "We apologize for the inconvenience."

While I'm admitting things, I've also been the one who has been "dis-

covering" the columns by one Sind T. Zelony. I promise that his name containing the same letters as my own is merely a coincidence. I also do not necessarily hold any of the views that he does, unless you happen to also like those views. In that case, I suppose I'll take any and all credit for him.

I'm not particularly great at writing farewell columns, but I'll say it has been an absolute privilege to be a part of this Westfield community and to watch how things have changed over the four years I've spent here.

I'm glad I went here and I'm fortunate to have met the best friends a person can ask for and the best mentors any person can hope for.


There are many people to thank for this opportunity. I would like to especially thank all the editors who helped myself and Lewis when we were just starting.

They made us feel welcome and we looked forward to it every week. I would also like to thank our faculty advisors Dr. Glen Brewster and Dr. George Layng for everything they've done both for the paper and for myself.

I wish them all the best of fortunes in the future and I know that The Westfield Voice is in capable hands.

Thank you all most sincerely,  
Lyndon Seitz

PS: So long and thanks for all the fish! -LSP



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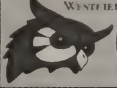
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ANDREW BURKE, EDITOR

## Track Wins MASCAC



Both the Men's and Women's outdoor track teams won the MASCAC championship this year. The New England Alliance championships were held in conjunction with the MASCAC. The men finished 3rd and the women finished 2nd in the NEA championship.

### WSU Athletic Department

The Westfield State University men's and women's outdoor track and field teams captured the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) championship on Sunday, April 27.

There were many outstanding performances for the Owls of veteran coach Sean O'Brien, who won the MASCAC outdoor championship for the first time since 2011 and for 34th time in 41 years. Westfield finished with 219 points followed by rivals Bridgewater State and Worcester State totaled 175 and 150 points, respectively. Completing the scoring were Fitchburg State (82) and Mass. Maritime (20).

Westfield captured eight first places and

nine second places in the 21-event championship and displayed its overall depth by earning points in all but two events. The Owls' depth was extremely evident in the six distance events where they amassed 116 points, more than half their 219 team total.

"The meet went just about like we (Westfield coaches) predicted it would," said Westfield veteran coach Sean O'Brien. "But a number of things can go wrong in a championship meet and our guys still had to go out and perform and they did the job."

Sophomore Traxon Godette performed extremely well for the Owls. The versatile sophomore won the javelin with a sensational throw of 203-2 that more than likely punches his ticket to the NCAA Division III national champion-

ships. Godette also finished first in the high jump (6-4), fourth in the pole vault, and fifth in the 110 hurdles.

Westfield's other MASCAC champions were freshman Tevin Cintron in the 800 meter run (1:57.89), sophomore Mike Skelly in the 1500 meter run (4:03.99), sophomore Tim Shea in the 10,000 meter run (32:48.82), senior Mike Kelleher in the 3,000 meter steeplechase (9:47.20), freshman Steve Sam in the discus (148-6), and the 4 x 800 relay squad of Parece, Moussamih, Sean Comerford and Cintron.

Earning key second place finishes for the Owls were: Stephen Parece (800), Matt Moussamih (1500), Skelly (5000), Chris Williams (10,000), Steve Connolly (steeplechase), John Tomlin (high jump and triple jump), Brian Garcia

(shot put), and Zack Delisle (pole vault).

The New England Alliance championship was held in conjunction with the MASCAC meet and Westfield finished a close third with 121 points behind Bridgewater (134.33) and UMass Dartmouth (125). Southern Maine (112.33) was fourth followed by Worcester State (84), Rhode Island College (63), Keene State (59), Fitchburg (47), Eastern Connecticut (43), UMass Boston (17.33), and Mass. Maritime (12).

Westfield State's New England Alliance champions were Godette in the javelin and Sam in the discus.

Westfield's women track team had numerous outstanding performances in capturing the MASCAC crown with 224 points. Worcester State placed second with 192 points followed by Bridgewater State (167), Fitchburg State (48), and Mass. Maritime (1).

It was the 14th MASCAC outdoor crown in the past 17 years for the Westfield women's track and field squad. The Owls last won the title in 2011 and were runners-up in 2012 and 2013.

"The women were really focused and performed extremely well," said veteran head coach Sean O'Brien. "I am very proud of them, and I am especially happy for the 11 seniors who were

determined to bring back the championship trophy to Westfield."

The Owls had three double winners – senior sprinter Targie Gervais, sophomore thrower Naloti Palma, and freshman distance runner Ashley Monahan.

Gervais – a three-time national qualifier and two-time All-American – sprinted to victories in the 100 (12.32) and 200 (25.78) meter dashes. Monahan finished first in the 400 meters (60.78) and 800 meter run (2:22.77). Palma shattered her own meet record by nearly five feet in the shot put with a heave of 45-3 ½ and also won the discus throw (125-0).

Two seniors also turned in stellar efforts in claiming MASCAC individual titles. Amy Auclair re-set her own conference record by nearly six inches with a winning height of 11-1 ¾ in the pole vault, and Alex Livingston had a personal best in the hammer throw (145-5).

Also finishing first for the Owls were junior Olivia Marshall in the 3,000 meter steeplechase (12:05.63), and the 4 x 100 (Meg McNamara, Amy Campbell, Megan Faunce, Kat Palso) and the 4 x 800 relay (Cassidy Noonan, Jaime Lyons,

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## Sports From Carlin's Couch

## Who's #1: NFL Draft Top Pick Predictions

**Jon Rebmann**  
Voice Reporter

With coach Bill O'Brien taking the head coaching job after a successful run as head coach at Penn State and being in possession of the #1 overall pick in the upcoming NFL Draft, the Houston Texans are in a very good position right now. The only problem is that they haven't decided whom they're going to take at the top spot yet.

For the first time in a while, there isn't a unanimous top pick heading into the Draft, and with all of the talent that this Draft has, it's hard to imagine there would be just one. So let's talk about some players who are likely to take the coveted top spot on the board.

2012 Heisman Trophy winner and Texas native Johnny Manziel has to be a definitive favorite after a successful run at Texas A&M. And with Matt Schaub unlikely to retain the starting QB position, Manziel would make a great fit on the Texans roster. The only problem with Manziel, who threw for 7,820 yards and 63 TDs in his two seasons with the Aggies, is his behavior.

Manziel, who has had numerous instances in which his public image has come to question, including a no-show to Peyton Manning's QB camp and allegations of him signing autographs for cash, put up a lot of red flags up for Johnny Football.

Normally, since most, if not all of these in-

stances have either been retracted or were in fact minor instances, the fact that he would be joining a team in an area where he is already a hometown hero would put them both in a disastrous situation, to say the least. A young kid with questionable discipline would never be able to mature since he would continue to be respected by his Texas natives, which not only hurts Manziel himself but also the Texans organization, not only on the field but off the field as well.

Jadaveon Clowney decided to forgo his senior season at South Carolina to enter the NFL Draft. Clowney has been garnering national attention since high school, and received even more attention from NFL scouts after a hit on Michigan's Vincent Smith went viral. A year ago, many analysts had predicted the defensive end to be the #1 pick, no matter which team had the top spot, especially since Clowney would no doubt make an excellent addition to the Texans organization (especially with JJ Watt on defense).

Since then, allegations against Clowney in which NFL analysts have questioned his dedication and work ethic has put Clowney's chances at risk. At the beginning of the season, Clowney sat out in a game against Kentucky, and since then many experts have questioned whether he would full heartedly be committed to any team that picks him. Regardless, Clowney is bar none



one of the best prospects in this Draft.

UCF quarterback Blake Bortles has recently gained spotlight after leading the Knights to a BCS bowl win against the Baylor Bears, a game in which he was named Offensive MVP. Bortles has had an amazing junior season, passing for 3581 yards and 25 TDs against just 9 INT.

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With all of the talent in this class, it's hard to say whom will go #1. The Texans have a lot of needs to fill, on offense and on defense. The only question is what they need the most, and who has the best chance of filling that need. The NFL Draft begins on May 8 at 8 p.m. EST.

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# NBA Playoffs as entertaining as March Madness



*LaMarcus Aldridge and the Portland Trail Blazers have taken a lead in their series against the Houston Rockets in large part due to Aldridge's offense and Matthews' defense. Aldridge is one of the most underrated players in the league and these playoffs will bring him into more of a national spotlight.*

The NBA is consistently minimized in comparison to the NCAA by many basketball fans, and for good reason. The NCAA regular season is about as unpredictable as the post-season while the NBA regular season is predictable every year. However, the 2014 playoffs have been as, maybe even more, exciting than the annual March Madness extravaganza.

The Thunder and Grizzlies have played four straight overtime games. The Rockets are losing their series to the Trail Blazers 3-1, despite only losing all three games by a combined 11 points. LeBron stared down MJ on a breakaway

dunk. And the Clippers warmed up with their practice shirts inside out in protest of their owner Donald Sterling.

The storylines in this 1st round are endless and continue to grow as the games progress closer and closer to the pivotal 7th game.

Indiana has looked as a favorite all season to beat the Miami Heat in the Eastern Conference Finals but have recently been in a slump and are one game away from losing to the Atlanta Hawks.

The Hawks, which finished the season with a 38-44 record in the dismal Eastern Conference, have



**Andrew Burke**  
Sports Editor

exploited Indiana's weaknesses flawlessly. Roy Hibbert's no-show in this entire series has been the hub of the Pacer's chemistry issues.

Trading Danny Granger, the face of the franchise for 9 years, in wake of Paul George's uprising has left

the team without a solid locker room presence to help them through adversity. The Pacers were 41-11 before the trade and had the top record in the NBA. They are 15-15 (including playoffs) since the trade on February 20. They briefly lost the 1 seed in the last 3 games of the season of the season before the Heat rested their starters to coast into the 2 seed position.

These playoffs may finally give LaMarcus Aldridge the respect he deserves in today's NBA. He is acknowledged as one of the league's top power forwards, but he should be unanimously number 1. Starting the series with

consecutive 40-point games showed that he has as complete an individual game as anyone else at his position.

The Brooklyn Nets went on a 32-8 run in the 4th quarter of their game on Wednesday night after being down 26 to tie the score with 3:16 left. Kyle Lowry made the go-ahead 3-pointer to complete his 36-point effort.

Every game in this year's playoff has been as interesting as the last. With 3 games every night, it is difficult to have to wait until 8:00 p.m. every night. The remaining 3 rounds are shaping up to be the best playoff series in recent years.



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the important happenings of the university.

The only reps-at-large to return are Ariana Roche and Connor Swan. The new reps-at-large are Brandon Trafford, Alex Doming, Megan Doerle, Sara Palis, Ashley Deleon, and Taylor Wertz. All are returning to what will be called the Legislature next year.

In terms of the two special Legislative positions, Justin Connolly will be the Community Relations and Fundraising Representative and Ivana McGlinchey will be the Multicultural Representative.

The first meeting of the new executive council will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Student Government Conference Room.

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week after week. I just don't know what we would do without you because we appreciate the comedic relief that you provide for the office. But I am quickly running out of beautifully touching things to write about a friendship that I have no words to describe.

To Andrew Burke: You're the man. The dude. The boss. The bomb-diggity. And you're the co-editor next year. A short story for the readers, because now I'm on a jump page. Burke came to the interest meeting and told me

about his layout experience, so I was excited. A first-year that knows InDesign?! Too good to be true. So I told him to come by the office the following Monday at 4 p.m., except when he came to the office at that time on that day, I did not remember who he was or what he was doing there. Good thing you were good at InDesign. I am excited to next year and can only imagine good things for the paper.

I have written more for this editorial than I have ever written for an article so this is why I am cutting it here.

I look forward to next year and hope that you keep on reading. Thank you all for helping us improve the paper and we could not do it without you, the reader.

Our first issue will be September 5, 2014. No, that is not a typo; we are going to be putting out a welcome-back issue.

Good luck on finals and have a great summer. I know I will try.

**Owls Athletics****ATHLETICS, page 17**

Adrianne Stelmack, Ashley Monahan) squads.

Sophomore Meg McNamara also had a stellar day. She finished a close second in the 100 hurdles, running an excellent time of 15.39 in the preliminaries and a 15.49 in the finals. McNamara also earned valuable point in the 400 hurdles (5th), high jump (6th), and long jump

(4th).

Also placing second were: Marie Gulino (400), Cassidy Noonan (800), Jenn Asci (1500), Andrea Hicks (5000), Megan Erickson (steeplechase) and Kat Palso (triple jump).

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but can an owner be banned from his team and be forced to sell his "business"? Personally I feel as though there would have to be some sort of contract where the team is actually "leased" by the NBA where the owner currently owns the franchise on a semi permanent basis. I completely agree that Sterling needs to be reprimanded and punished for his idiocy, but I fail to understand the power of Commissioner Silver, who has previously been "seen" as "weak".

Well what the heck do I know, I'm just a journalist!

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## Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

Somehow you just knew this was all a lie, didn't you? You knew that the musings "of the stars" were all just part of my diabolical plot to take over the world, didn't you? Anyhow, it doesn't matter that you know. It is far too late for you to do anything \*cue evil laugh\*.

## Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

So I might have been a bit weird in my suggestions over all of this time guiding you through suggestions from the cosmos. That's ok, weird is sometimes good, right? Right? Please answer me.

## Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

Now you might think that considering how this is all a sham that I didn't mean what I said about Geminis being absolutely wonderful. I wasn't lying, Geminis are absolutely wonderful. I know I'm one, so that proves it.

## Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

No hard feelings for perhaps psychologically scarring you and causing your life to flounder week after week in low self-esteem and self-doubt constantly using the stars as a tool to whittle away at whatever amount of hope you had left in this life, right?

## Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

If this is a lie, then what else could be a lie? Is there no real light coming from the sun? Was your family simply placed into your life as part of a government conspiracy? Are you real? Can you be certain you're real?

## Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

Yes it was all a lie, but did it not help you? Did it not guide you through your darkest nights? Did it not keep you warm when you didn't know where else to turn? Yes it was a lie, but the effects were as true as anything else.

## Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

I really hope you didn't take some of the suggestions that the stars made seriously over the past few years; otherwise there is a lot of explaining you are going to have to do to the government at various levels.

## Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

Remember that it was your choice to follow. You could have quit anytime you wanted to, but you just kept listening, didn't you? Is it not then equally your fault for where you are now, then?

## Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 31)

Listen to your spirit chair. : So you walk into a bar and find out that the horoscopes you have been reading for almost two years have been a lie. What do you do? I do not know what to tell you, nor do the stars know. The stars have never known. The stars were never real. Also, you might marry Jonah Hill, so keep believing if that works for you.

## Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

What was the motive? I don't remember anymore. It was all so long ago, it all mattered so much back then. It all mattered so much. Now what has it come to? Is it all so cheap? Am I going to be thrown away now?

## Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

The mission has been completed. The mission was a moderate success. You must keep the secret; guard it for the rest of your life. Are you prepared?

## Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

Know that despite my current fall from power, I am nowhere near gone. One day I may rise up higher than ever before, and you will never even notice until it is far too late.

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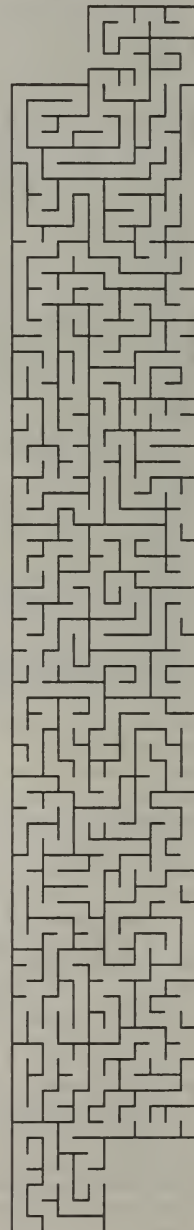
## Washing a Car

S B T B E S O H N E D R A G I G  
N R N S W A X S P A C B U H E R  
A U O I I S L E E H W M S T R I  
E S R O N D O O H S I S A D H M  
L H F M D D O E D R R L E E U E  
C Y W A S H S O R V P E A D E S  
H A I H H N S O R E E D D G I S  
R W N C I R R T S H L H E N T S  
O E D R E S R N H I A E I E E R  
M V O O L I E O G G U N K C E F  
E I W O D C T H S Q I C D T L G  
S R S F I O T O S P U L A L L E  
C D P L W S O A P B O W L A E R  
R P R E P A R A T I O N S I A S  
U P L I D E A D B U G S G E A N  
B S G D R Y O F F S T I R E S T

BRUSH  
BUCKETS  
CHAMOIS  
CHROME  
CLEAN  
DEAD BUGS  
DIRT  
DOOR HANDLES  
DOORS  
DRIVEWAY  
DRY OFF  
FENDERS  
FRONT  
GARDEN HOSE  
GLASS

GRIME  
HEADLIGHTS  
HOOD  
HUBCAPS  
LICENSE PLATE  
MIRRORS  
MUD  
PREPARATION  
REAR  
RINSE  
ROOF  
SCRUB  
SIDES  
SOAP  
SPONGE

SQUEEGEE  
SUDS  
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